Executive Director Jones Hooks told *The Brunswick News* that, "We need to take some time to reassess what we really need there. The village is not yet complete, and we have two other hotels planned for the island. We will take advantage of this delay to look at the village site plan again to assure proper and best spatial utilization for future lodging needs, but also for possible green space and parking needs."

The JIA intends to issue a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for development of the site in question, but it's anyone's guess as to what will eventually be built on that tract.

The original plans for the beach village included an economy hotel, but that component was dropped several years ago in favor of a mid-priced, limited service hotel. Whether the mid-priced hotel is still what the JIA is aiming for remains unclear. As JIA spokesperson Meggan Hood told the Associated Press, "There will absolutely be a hotel there.... We just want to make sure we're putting the right thing in that space."

To read the full text of the Associated Press article, <u>click here.</u>

