



PENSACOLA BEACH
SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY

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W A "Buck" Lee
General Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Authority Members

FROM: General Manager

DATE: October 27, 2005

RE: Minutes of October 12, 2005 Operations Committee Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005. Members present were Mr. McGuire Martin, Mr. Thom Blas, and Mr. Vernon Prather. Also present were board members Mr. Bill Griffith, Mr. Jimmie Perkins, and Dr. Thomas Campanella. Mr. Martin, chairman of the committee, called the meeting to order and presented the following item:

Item #1 – Pensacola Beach Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Quietwater Boardwalk – Request to use the existing parking spaces in Quietwater Boardwalk parking lot currently allotted to closed businesses to increase seating, including some new outdoor seating, at the restaurants on the Boardwalk that are open and operating

Ms. Mary Bolman reviewed the request, stating that staff recommended that restaurants in the core commercial area be allowed to temporarily provide additional seating based on unused parking spaces resulting from businesses closed due to storm damage. She said staff further recommended that the approval for additional temporary seating in the public areas be contingent upon the master leaseholder signing a hold harmless agreement, providing insurance, maintenance and clean-up, repair and/or replacement for damage to public property used for the temporary seating. A discussion followed during which the committee heard comments by Mr. Gary Powell and Mr. Larry Fox. Mr. Martin said that he was recusing himself from the vote due to his interests in competing restaurants on Pensacola Beach. Mr. Griffith served on the committee in Mr. Martin's stead.

Upon amended motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Prather, the committee unanimously recommended that the restaurants in the commercial core area be allowed to provide additional seating for a one-year period based on the unused parking spaces resulting from businesses closed due to storm damage, subject to the master leaseholder signing a hold harmless agreement, providing liability insurance and providing maintenance, clean-up and repair/replacement to the public property used to provide temporary seating. (3-0)

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Mr. Gary Powell asked that consideration be given to making the seating suggested in the public areas at Quietwater Boardwalk permanent. A discussion followed during which Mr. Martin announced that he would recuse himself from the vote due to his business interests in competing restaurants on Pensacola Beach. Mr. Griffith also served on the committee in Mr. Martin's stead for this discussion and vote.

Upon motion of Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Blas, the committee unanimously voted to ask staff to research the issue of making the seating in the public areas of the boardwalk permanent, subject to review of increased lease fees. (3-0)

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.


W. A. "Buck" Lee
General Manager

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