

SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY
PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2004

1. A regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mr. Bill Griffith, Mr. Don Ayres, Mr. McGuire Martin, Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Dr. Thomas Campanella, and Mr. Thom Blas. Mr. Griffith, Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 4, 2004. (6-0)

Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Ayres, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the special board meeting of February 4, 2004. (6-0)

3-4. Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously adopted the agenda as published. (6-0)

5. READING OF RECUSAL FORMS

Ms. Mary Bolman read the recusal forms issued since the time of the previous meeting.

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Griffith, SRIA chairman, reviewed the guidelines for speakers appearing before the Board. Mr. Griffith then reviewed a letter that he received from local attorney T. A. Shell regarding taxation issues.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – E. W. BULLOCK & ASSOCIATES

Mr. Ellis W. Bullock made a presentation regarding the advertising and public relations program on Pensacola Beach. A brief discussion followed during which Mr. Griffith commended Mr. Bullock and his staff.

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8. PENSACOLA BEACH RESIDENTS & LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Gary Smith, President of the Pensacola Beach Residents & Leaseholders Association, said that the next meeting of the association was scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church. He said Covenant Hospice would be presenting the program. Mr. Smith said that the association was proceeding with fund raising calendar for the Pensacola Beach Elementary School featuring local service providers.

9. PENSACOLA BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Ms. Sandy Johnston, Manager of the Visitor's Information Center (VIC), said that the Mardi Gras parade was successful with 17,163 cars crossing the Bob Sikes Bridge and the Navarre Bridge on the day of the parade. She noted that the SRIA maintenance department did an excellent job of cleaning the area after the parade and the Escambia County Sheriff's Department did an excellent job with traffic control. Ms. Johnston said that it rained the day of the Red Beans & Rice event, but the left over food was taken to the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen, and the other events associated with Mardi Gras went well in spite of the rain.

Ms. Johnston said the Business After Hours for February was held at Crab's Restaurant with Island Style serving as the co-sponsor. She said that St. Patrick's Day celebrations were scheduled and to call the VIC for the order of events. Ms. Johnston said that Mr. Bullock called about the Baptist Hospital Life Flight Swim-A-Thon, which may be held at Pensacola Beach this year. She said she will coordinate water safety activities for the attendees with Bob West. Ms. Johnston noted that the winter visitors who had been coming to Pensacola Beach for years had formed their own Snow Bird clubs at the condominiums.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. DEVELOPMENT & LEASING COMMITTEE (2-18-04) - Dr. Thomas Campanella, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following items:

Item #1 – Mr. Gary Powell – Pensacola Beach Holdings d/b/a Quietwater Boardwalk –

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Request for approval to sublease Units #4-A & B at Quietwater Boardwalk to Evan & Michelle Ciftci to operate a full service restaurant d/b/a The Boardwalk Cafe

Item #2 – Mr. Bill Patterson – Lazy Days Beach Rental – Request for Issuance of Licenses for Beach Rental Services, as follows:

- A. 500' Site Adjacent to the Hampton Inn
- B. 500' Site Adjacent to the Hilton Garden Inn
- C. 500' Site Adjacent to Beachside Resorts & Best Western
- D. 500' Site Adjacent to Beach Club Condos and the Clarion
- E. 500' Site Adjacent to Emerald Isle & Springhill Suites

Item #3 – Mr. Brad Donahue – Eastern Beach Services – Request for Issuance of Licenses for Beach Rental Services as follows:

- A. 500' Site Adjacent to the Holiday Inn
- B. 500' Site Adjacent to the Dunes Hotel

B. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (2-18-04) - Mr. Thom Blas, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following items:

Item #1 – Mr. Robert Radcliff – 242 Sabine Drive – Lot 49, Block “B”, Villa Sabine (Little Sabine Bay) - Request to construct a catwalk with four mooring pilings for a boat lift on the west side and remove four existing mooring pilings on the east side of an existing pier

Item #4 – F. E. Booker Company on behalf of Sans Souci Condominium Association – 999 Fort Pickens Road (Gulf side) - Request to place a construction office trailer on leasehold property during the reconstruction of the swimming pool and parking lot for the existing condominium building for a period of 120 days, subject to receipt of the permit from the Department of Environmental Protection

Item #5 – Mr. James Woodie – Coconuts by the Sea, LLC – 400 Pensacola Beach Boulevard - Request approval of the following:

- a. Construct a permanent cover over the existing ground level deck on the south side of existing building
- b. Expand the existing ground level deck on the south side, subject to no additional seating
- c. Construct and cover a new ground level deck on the north side of existing building subject to parking calculations

C. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (2-18-04) - Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Chairman

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The committee unanimously recommends denying the following request:

Item #1 – Mrs. Delora Abad, 20 Seashore Drive, request for waiver of late fees and interest due to late payment of annual lease fee

The committee unanimously recommends acceptance of the following item:

Item #2 – Report on Financial Statements and Expenditures

The following item was for information only (no board action necessary):

Item #3 – Promotions & Events Report

D. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (2-18-04) - Mr. Don Ayres, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following item:

Item #1 – Staff Report and Recommendations on Lifeguard Program

Board Action:

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, as presented. (6-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (2-18-04) - Mr. Thom Blas, Chairman

Item #2 – Elks Lodge – 661 Pensacola Beach Boulevard (Little Sabine Bay)
Request to install four mooring pilings in an existing slip (unanimously recommended for approval by committee)

Ms. Sue Smith noted that this item was on the agenda to permit abstentions by Mr. Ayres and Mr. Blas. Mr. Ayres and Mr. Blas stated that they were abstaining from the vote due to their membership in the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board unanimously

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approved the request by the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge, 661 Pensacola Beach Boulevard, to install four mooring pilings in an existing slip. (4-0 with Mr. Ayres and Mr. Blas abstaining from the vote)

Item #3 – Mr. Robert Armstrong – 809 Rio Vista Drive – Lot 10, Block 31, Villa Segunda (Santa Rosa Sound) - Request to construct a 4 foot x 144 foot pier with an 8 foot x 12 foot platform, an open boat slip on each side (east & west), and four mooring pilings per slip, subject to receipt of letters of comment from the adjacent neighbors (unanimously recommended for approval by committee)

Ms. Smith said that staff had received a letter of comment with objections from one of the adjacent neighbors, Mr. Charlie Thompson at 807 Rio Vista. She noted that the neighbor at 811 Rio Vista had also submitted a letter of comment and a fax transmission with objections. A discussion followed during which the board heard comments from Mr. Charlie Thompson and Ms. Amy Armstrong. Ms. Smith said staff recommended approval of the request, as presented.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously approved the request by Mr. Robert Armstrong, 809 Rio Vista Drive, to construct a 4 foot x 144 foot pier with an 8 foot x 12 foot platform, an open boat slip on each side (east & west), and four mooring pilings per slip. (5-1 with Dr. Campanella voting in the negative)

Additional discussion followed.

Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board voted to require that pier applications not be placed on the agenda until staff has received letters of comment from the adjacent neighbors subject to the adjacent neighbors replying within a reasonable time frame. (4-2 with Mr. Martin and Mr. Blas voting in the negative)

Item #5 – Mr. James Woodie – Coconuts by the Sea, LLC – 400 Pensacola Beach Boulevard - Request approval to place a portable 10' x 10' structure adjacent to the marina on the north side to be used for a ship's store until a permanent structure can be placed on the pier

Ms. Smith reviewed the background on the request and stated that the applicant would be revising the plans to place the structure on wheels. Mr. Martin noted that he was abstaining from the vote due to his interest in a competing restaurant. A discussion followed during which the board heard comments by Mr. George Nagel.

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Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board unanimously approved the request by Mr. James Woodie, 400 Pensacola Beach Boulevard, for placement of a portable 10' x 10' structure adjacent to the marina on the north side to be used for a ship's store until a permanent structure can be placed on the pier for a one year period subject to staff approval of compliance with the flood regulations. (5-0 with Mr. Martin abstaining from the vote)

12. NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 – Dr. Thomas Campanella – Designation of “Family Night” on Pensacola Beach

Dr. Campanella said that he was asking for the support of his fellow board members in designating “Family Night” on Pensacola Beach on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. He noted that this is to be a night of family fellowship to strengthen family values with no homework, meetings, chores, or scheduled activities. Dr. Campanella said this would be a quality time to spend eating, talking, playing or relaxing together with family. A discussion followed.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board unanimously designated Tuesday, March 9, 2004 as Family Night on Pensacola Beach. (6-0)

Item #2 – Pensacola Beach Yacht Club – Request for payment plan for lease fees on dues and initiation fees

Ms. Nita Omley provided background on the request and said that staff recommended against extending the payment of the lease fees on dues and initiation fees. A discussion followed during which the board heard comments by Ms. Linda Thompson.

Upon amended motion of Mr. Ayres, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved that staff negotiate a repayment schedule for the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club on the lease fees owed on dues and initiation fees, presenting the schedule at the April committee meetings. (6-0)

Item #3 – Request for Disposition of Property

Ms. Omley said that staff recommended approval for disposal of the property presented in the board's background material, in accordance with the established policy.

Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved disposing of the property presented by staff according to the established policy. (6-0)

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13. REPORTS

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager said that his report was published for the board's information.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Matt Dannheisser, SRIA Counsel, stated that the Attorney's Report was also published for the board's information. Upon inquiry by Mr. Ayres, the Manager said he would attend the Board of County Commissioner's meeting at which the item on the Pensacola Beach Charter School would be discussed. A discussion followed.

Mr. Blas asked that staff look into the possibility of establishing a refreshment concession at Park East and report at the next committee meeting.

C. ENGINEER'S REPORT

There was no report from the engineer.

14. VISITORS FORUM

No one wished to address the board during Visitor's Forum.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

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