

SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY  
PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2004

1-2. A regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority was held on Wednesday, April 14, 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.

**3. Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Ayres, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 3, 2004. (6-0)**

**4-5. Upon motion of Dr. Campanella, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously adopted the agenda as published. (6-0)**

6. READING OF RECUSAL FORMS

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

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Griffith, SRIA chairman, reviewed the guidelines for speakers appearing before the Board. Mr. Griffith then stated that Mr. Mike Stebbins, SRIA counsel, would provide additional information on the closed attorney-client session to be held at the conclusion of the public meeting. Mr. Stebbins said that in order to determine how to respond to a settlement proposal made in the case of Steve DelGallo et.al. v. Santa Rosa Island Authority et.al. pursuant to Chapter 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, the attorneys wished to have a private attorney closed session to get the board's advice concerning that litigation, and that a private attorney-client closed session had been arranged to take place at the conclusion of the business of the regular meeting if the board was so inclined. Upon inquiry by Mr. Griffith, there were no objections from the board members to holding the closed session.

8. RESOLUTION HONORING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PENSACOLA BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB

Mr. Griffith read a resolution honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pensacola Beach Women's Club and recognized Ms. Carleen Wheeler, President.

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**Upon motion of Mr. Ayres, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously adopted a resolution honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pensacola Beach Women's Club. (6-0)**

9. PENSACOLA BEACH RESIDENTS & LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION REPORT

There was no report from the Pensacola Beach Residents & Leaseholders Association.

10. PENSACOLA BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Ms. Sandy Johnston, Manager of the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center (VIC), said that March was a good month for the businesses on Pensacola Beach with 2,000 additional visitors registering at the VIC over March of 2003 and a significant increase in the Bob Sikes Bridge counts over the same time in the previous year. She said that only 60 hotel rooms were available for the Memorial Day weekend and nearly all of the hotels were full for the weekend of the Pensacola Beach Airshow. Ms. Johnston noted that the chamber is working on the Starlight Ride, the Pensacola Beach Airshow, and Beach Safety Day. She said the beach cleanup was scheduled for the upcoming weekend. Ms. Johnston said the British Car Show and the Rodtiques were also holding shows on the beach this weekend.

Ms. Johnston said that a recent review of the Bob Sikes Bridge counts during the years of 1998-2003 from Thursday through Saturday on the weekend of the Pensacola Beach Airshow indicated an average number of cars of 16,000 on Thursday, 18,700 on Friday, and 18,500 on Saturday.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Actions:

- A. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (3-10-04) - Mr. Thom Blas, Chairman

The following item was withdrawn at the request of the applicant:

Item #2 – Quietwater Entertainment, Inc. – Jubilee Restaurant - 400 Quietwater Beach Road - Request to modify the existing wooden screen on the east side of the existing building by placing stucco and decorative panels over the wooden screen

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B. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (3-10-04) - Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following item:

Item #1 – Revision to SRIA Board Policy on Disposition of Equipment

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

C. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (3-10-04) - Mr. Don Ayres, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following item:

Item #1 – Authorizing staff to request a change in the state law and concurrently pursue a county ordinance to raise the penalty for theft or vandalism of beach safety signs and surf condition signs and flags due to vandalism at Pensacola Beach

Board Action:

**Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Martin, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda as published. (6-0)**

REGULAR AGENDA

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (3-10-04) - Mr. Thom Blas, Chairman

Item #1 – Parallel Parcel, Inc., a Florida Corporation – 305 Panferio Drive, Lot 2, Bock 5, Villa Primera (Santa Rosa Sound) - Request to construct a 4' x 255' pier with an 8' x 10' terminal platform, a 14' x 20' uncovered boat slip, and three mooring piles on the west side of the pier, subject to staff suggesting that the applicant install a mooring pile on the northern end of the grass bed (Unanimously recommended for approval by the committee.)

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Ms. Sue Smith reviewed the proposal and presented a modified design, noting that the adjacent neighbor on the west initially had some concerns about the modified design. Ms. Smith said she had spoken to the neighbor on the telephone, and after their discussion, the neighbor indicated that she would not object to the pier. Ms. Smith said staff recommended approval of the request subject to receipt of the letter of comment with no objection from the adjacent neighbor on the west.

**Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously approved the request by Parallel Parcel, Inc., 305 Panferio Drive, to construct a 4' x 255' pier with an 8' x 10' terminal platform, a 14' x 20' uncovered boat slip, and five mooring piles on the west side of the pier, as revised and presented by staff, subject to receipt of the letter of comment with no objection from the neighbor on the west. (6-0)**

13. NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 – Award of Proposal – Electronic Message Sign

The Manager and Mr. Wade Lane, Facilities Manager, reviewed the proposal received on the electronic sign. The Manager said the Selection Review Committee met that date and recommended awarding the proposal for the electronic sign to Smith Sign Company at a cost of \$39,500. A discussion followed.

**Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved awarding the proposal for the electronic sign to Smith Sign Company at a cost of \$39,500. (6-0)**

Item #2 – Award of Proposal – Banking Services

The Manager and Ms. Nita Omley, Finance Manager, reviewed the proposals received for banking services. The Manager said the Selection Review Committee met that date and recommended awarding the proposal for banking services to Bank of Pensacola. A brief discussion followed.

**Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board unanimously approved awarding the proposal for banking services to Bank of Pensacola. (6-0)**

Item #3 – Development Approval for SRIA Public Safety Facility

The Manager reviewed previous discussions and actions on the matter and noted that in March 2004, the board authorized staff to move forward with plans for the Public Safety Facility, which will also contain the public restrooms at Casino Beach. Mr. Dave

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Hemphill of the Authority's engineering firm and Mr. David Alsop of Sam Marshall Architects reviewed the plans for the proposed public safety facility and a discussion followed.

**Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously granted development approval for the SRIA Public Safety/Restrooms Facility, as presented by the engineering firm. (6-0)**

14. REPORTS

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Mike Stebbins, SRIA Counsel, stated that the Attorney's Report was also published for the board's information. A brief discussion followed.

C. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Hemphill, SRIA engineering representative, reported that in addition to working on the Public Safety Facility, Baskerville Donovan was continuing the design process for the proposed road improvement program.

15. VISITORS FORUM

The board heard comments from Mr. Jeff Marker.

16. ATTORNEY-CLIENT CLOSED DOOR MEETING PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.011(8) REGARDING STEVE DELGALLO, ET AL. V. SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY, ET. AL.

Mr. Griffith noted that the board meeting would be recessed for the purpose of holding a private attorney-client session. Mr. Mike Stebbins said that the meeting would last approximately 15-30 minutes. Mr. Griffith announced that the attendees would be Mr. Bill Griffith, Chairman; Mr. Don Ayres, Vice Chairman; Mr. Thom Blas; Dr. Thomas Campanella; Mr. W. McGuire Martin; Mr. Jimmie Perkins; Mr. Monte Blews, SRIA General Manager; Mr. Mike Stebbins and Mr. Matt Dannheisser, SRIA attorneys.

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The board meeting was recessed at 5:45 p.m. The board meeting was reconvened at 6:54 p.m. following the private attorney-client session. There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

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