

SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY
PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2004

1-2. A regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority was held on Wednesday, June 2, 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. Martin, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 5, 2004. (6-0)

4-5. Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Martin, the board unanimously adopted the agenda with the following changes: Added Item #2 to New Business regarding an addition to the sublease for Funny Cars, LLC; Added Commissioner Buck Lee to speak immediately following adoption of the agenda. (6-0)

6. COMMISSIONER BUCK LEE

The board heard comments by Commissioner Buck Lee and Mr. Dave Bellamy regarding a request for assistance alleviating noise extending to Santa Rosa County from events on Pensacola Beach. A discussion followed.

Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Martin, the board unanimously voted to ask that staff consider the potential impact of noise on surrounding residential areas when reviewing applications for events and that staff implement appropriate actions to alleviate the impact, such as requiring that the sound from speakers and amplifiers be directed away from residential areas. (6-0)

7. READING OF RECUSAL FORMS

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

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Griffith, SRIA chairman, reviewed the guidelines for speakers appearing before the Board.

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9. PRESENTATION OF DONATION – GULF ISLE NEIGHBORS

The board recognized Ms. Faye Powers and Ms. Mary Klaus, representing Gulf Isle Neighbors, for their \$2,000 contribution to the Santa Rosa Island Authority lifeguard program. Ms. Powers made comments. The board extended its thanks and appreciation to Gulf Isle Neighbors for designating the lifeguard program as a donation recipient.

10. PENSACOLA BEACH RESIDENTS & LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. John Barrett, representing the Pensacola Beach Residents & Leaseholders Association, reported that the association recently held a sale of sea oats and other dune-appropriate seedlings, and similar sales will be held in the future. He noted that the calendar preparation was under way.

11. PENSACOLA BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Ms. Sandy Johnston, Manager of the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center, extended her thanks to the sheriff's department and the maintenance department for their assistance over the Memorial Day weekend. She noted that an additional two hundred cars passed over the Bob Sikes Bridge during the 2004 Memorial Day weekend as compared to 2003; however during the month of May 2004 as a whole, 18,200 additional cars passed over the bridge. Ms. Johnston said the chamber was working on the Pensacola Beach Air Show and preparing for a busy summer. A discussion followed about the toll facility during which the board heard comments from Ms. June Guerra.

CONSENT AGENDA

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Action:

- A. DEVELOPMENT & LEASING COMMITTEE (5-12-04) - Dr. Thomas Campanella, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following items:

Item #1 – Acceptance of staff report on portable concessions at Park East with no action at this time

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Item #2 – Azure Development, LLC, - Soundside Centre - 5 Via de Luna – Request for approval of recreational activities to include a rock-climbing wall and inflatable water slides, subject to payment of five percent percentage fees and receipt of licenses and approvals from the appropriate regulatory agencies

B. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (5-12-04) - Mr. Thom Blas, Chairman

The committee unanimously approved the following item (AEC approval only—no board action required):

Item #1 – Hemingway’s Restaurant – 400 Quietwater Beach Road, Unit #16 - (Santa Rosa Sound) - Request to erect a 24’ x 50’ frame tent to cover the existing upper deck & bar area subject to meeting all applicable codes and receipt of permits from Escambia County

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following item:

Item #2 – Azure Development, LLC – Soundside Centre - 5 Via de Luna - (Santa Rosa Sound) - Request for a concession facility to use in conjunction with the approved recreational activities, subject to execution of an agreement noting that the structure will be removed within the time frame requested by the Authority in the event of severe weather conditions and posting a bond to cover the Authority’s cost to remove the structure, if necessary

C. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (5-12-04) - Mr. Don Ayres, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following item:

Item #1 – Bob Sikes Bridge Toll Facility - Purchase of a new “flip” sign for the annual pass lane at a cost of approximately \$6,000, as well as a staff investigation into revising and enlarging the lettering on the static toll facility signs and relocating transponder sales from the far right lane of the facility to the main office during the busy season

D. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (5-12-04) - Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Chairman

The committee unanimously recommends acceptance of the following item:

Item #1 – Report on Financial Statements and Expenditures

The following items were for information only (no board action necessary):

Item #2 – Promotions & Events Report

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Item #3 – FY 2005 Budget

Board Action:

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

REGULAR AGENDA

13. NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 – Mr. William E. “Bill” May on behalf of Blue Angels Enlisted Association – Request for waiver of vendor fees during Pensacola Beach Airshow

Ms. Bolman presented the request from Mr. May, stating that staff recommended approval of the request as presented. A discussion followed.

Mr. Blas made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Perkins seconded the motion.

Mr. Ayres made a motion to amend the request to state that no lease or other SRIA fees will be charged for the occasional sale of merchandise, crafts, or garage sale items, or for organizational dues by service organizations when the sale or dues is for the direct benefit of a public purpose. Mr. Blas seconded the amendment.

A discussion followed.

The amendment failed on a voted of 3-3 with Mr. Ayres, Mr. Blas and Dr. Campanella voting in the affirmative and Mr. Griffith, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Perkins voted in the negative.

Additional discussion followed.

Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the request by Mr. William E. “Bill” May on behalf of the Blue Angels Enlisted Association for waiver of vendor fees during the Pensacola Beach Airshow. (6-0)

Item #2 – Mr. Kevin “B. J. “ Johnson – Funny Cars, LLC - 5 Via de Luna – Soundside Center - Request for approval to add mopeds to the existing fleet of recreational vehicles

Ms. Bolman reviewed the request, stating that staff recommends approval of the request

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subject to payment of 5% percentage fees on the income from the additional rentals.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously approved the request by Mr. Kevin "B. J." Johnson, Funny Cars, LLC, 5 Via de Luna to add mopeds to the existing fleet of recreational vehicles. (6-0)

14. REPORTS

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager noted that his report was published for the information of the board. He said that staff would be bringing forward a discussion item on road banners. A brief discussion followed.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Mike Stebbins, SRIA legal counsel, said that his report was published for the board's information and he provided an update on the Sherwood personal injury case and the road improvement dispute.

C. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Hemphill, SRIA engineering representative, reported that they were continuing to work on the plans for the road improvement project.

15. VISITORS FORUM

The board heard comments from Ms. June Guerra.

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There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

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