

PENSACOLA BEACH
SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2010

- 1-3. A regularly scheduled meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority was held on Wednesday December 1, 2010, beginning at 5:08 p.m. Members in attendance were: Ms. Tammy Bohannon, Mr. Dave Pavlock, Dr. Thomas Campanella, Mr. Vernon Prather, Mr. Fred Gant and Mr. Ed Guernsey. Ms. Tammy Bohannon, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of meditation.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Board Meeting – (11/3/2010))

Upon motion of Mr. Dave Pavlock seconded by Mr. Vernon Prather, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (11/3/2010). (5-0) (Dr. Campanella stepped out of the room briefly).

5. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) 14 – B Item # 2 - Mr. Robert Rinke – Request for consideration to install palm trees from the core area east down Via De Luna and west of the core area (Ft. Pickens Rd.)(referred from the Special Board/Special Projects Committee Meeting prior this evening)

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Dr. Thomas Campanella seconded by Mr. Vernon Prather, the Board unanimously recommended adoption of the Agenda as amended. (6-0)

7. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS

Ms. Bohannon wished to take the opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been made during her time of service as the SRIA Chairwoman this past year; beginning with the Beautification Project that has been moved forward to Escambia County for engineering, the leap of faith that it took for this Board to support the De Luna Fest on Pensacola Beach, and the tremendous success that it was, and the positive way in which the Board mitigated the oil spill crisis, handling it to the best of its ability. She commended Mr. Lee on a great job.

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8. PENSACOLA BEACH VISITOR'S INFORMATION CENTER

Ms. Maureen Lamar submitted her report for review and wished to inform the Board that she had taken an informal survey of the beach businesses regarding De Luna Fest and had distributed the information sheet with the results to the Board members during the meeting. Ms. Lamar also wished to inform the Board that a number of activities were planned for Christmas, including a boat parade and a Sunday afternoon beach parade.

9. MS. JILL HOBBS, WSRE T.V. – PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Ms. Hobbs wished to thank the Board for their support to make the documentary "Gulf Island National Seashore, The Treasure of the Gulf Coast" possible; It showcases the history and beauty of our area and has won several awards. Ms. Hobbs presented each Board member with a copy of the DVD and original print Nina Fritz.

10. MR. SCOTT WHEATLEY, FFTG – PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Mr. Wheatley and Mr. Bodkins showed a video of some De Luna Fest highlights and wished to thank the Board for their support throughout the process of putting on an event of this size. Mr. Wheatley asked the Board to consider some minor improvements to the infrastructure to assist in making any future large events more efficient.

Mr. Pavlock stated that the request would have to be referred to staff to be certain there would not be any interference with the upcoming Beautification of the Island Project. Mr. Pavlock asked Mr. Wheatley to report back in a couple of months, and that the Board would love to work with them on their next project.

11. CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC – AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Alan Jowers, Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC submitted the SRIA Audit Report for the Board to review. Mr. Jowers wished to thank the staff, especially Dottie, Jayne and Mr. Lee. He expressed that it was very good audit and the Authority has clean opinions on federal and financial statements.

Ms. Jayne Bell read Ms. Bohannon's recusal form aloud. Ms. Bohannon wished to recuse herself from the Lafitte Cove request as she is an owner there.

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CONSENT AGENDA

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. ARCHITECTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, (11-17-2010) MR. FRED GANT, CHAIRMAN, MR. DAVE PAVLOCK AND DR. THOMAS CAMPANELLA, MEMBERS

Item # 1 – Gulf Winds Condo Association – 1199 Ft. Pickens Road – Request to erect a five foot high fence in the front yard (Ft. Pickens Road) requiring a 2 foot waiver to the 3 foot front yard fence height. (Staff report by Paolo Ghio)

The Committee unanimously approves staff's recommendation.

- B. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, (11-17-2010) MR. DAVE PAVLOCK, CHAIRMAN, MR. VERNON PRATHER AND MR. ED GUERNSEY, MEMBERS

Item # 1 – Report on Financial Statements and Expenditures. (Staff report by Dottie Ford)

The Committee unanimously recommends acceptance of the Financial Statements and Expenditures as presented.

Item # 2 - Clarification of funding for the Little Sabine Bay Restoration Project. Overage. (Staff report by Dottie Ford)

The Committee unanimously approved the remaining \$6,067.15 overage for the Little Sabine Bay Restoration Project out of reserve for contingency.

Upon motion of Mr. Dave Pavlock seconded by Dr. Thomas Campanella, the Board unanimously recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. (6-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. DEVELOPMENT & LEASING COMMITTEE,(11-17-2010) ELWYN GUERNSEY, CHAIRMAN, VERNON PRATHER AND TAMMY BOHANNON, MEMBERS

Item # 1 – Mr. Tom Almon, President of Lafitte Cove Homeowners Association (H.O.A.) – Request for Lease modification to transfer responsibility for maintenance of the channel and canal from the H.O.A. to the SRIA. (Referred from the November 17, 2010 Committee Meeting) (Staff report by Mike Stebbins)

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SPEAKERS:

Mr. Tom Almon
Ms. Frances Grow

Mr. Prather stated that the project all hinges on the response from FEMA. Mr. Prather recommended holding this item in Committee until Mr. Stebbins can receive written confirmation of SRIA eligibility for reimbursement in the event of a disaster such as Hurricane Ivan from FEMA.

Mr. Stebbins stated that he had emailed and attempted to contact Mr. Baker from FEMA every day since the last meeting. The question was asked if the purpose was a complete takeover or a maintenance contract subject to an MSBU, Mr. Stebbins stated that FEMA representatives would like to have a conference call with SRIA staff to discuss these two options prior to giving any kind of opinion.

Mr. Almon stated that he was not asking the SRIA to do a favor for them but they are offering an opportunity in a fair exchange for the modification of the lease. Mr. Almon also stated that he appreciated due diligence and would like to have any specific concerns that the Board had noted to allow him the ability to respond accordingly and narrow the field to move forward.

Mr. Almon wished to inform the Board that the current Land Development Code was written to accommodate pit dug sand as opposed to the native material that is indigenous to our area, and he felt the Authority had no level of appreciation for the quality of sand on this beach and Lafitte Cove canal.

Ms. Grow asked that staff investigate if the expense of the dredge was offset by the value of what was dredged for other areas of the State. Ms. Grow stated the canals down south had to dispose of the dredge material, whereas the sand could be used for renourishment on the beach here.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Prather stated that there were other major issues of concern including permitting and public storm water being introduced into the canal.

Mr. Gant requested that staff address the extended issues while waiting for the response from FEMA.

Mr. Lee stated that should the Board decide to move forward with this lease modification, it would be at their discretion how many times per year to dredge

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(possibly 3) and how many cubic yards of sand (possibly up to 2000) would be dredged, and also to consider monitoring each dredge.

Mr. Lee asked that Mr. Stebbins continue to work with FEMA and Mike Langston on a report regarding permitting and have a report prepared for the December 15, 2010 Committee Meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Vernon Prather seconded by Mr. Ed Guernsey, the Board recommended holding this item in Committee to allow Mr. Stebbins to continue to work with FEMA to obtain written affirmation of the SRIA's eligibility for reimbursement in case of a disaster such as Hurricane Ivan. (5-0) Ms. Bohannon continued to recuse herself from the vote.

Mr. Pavlock asked that staff also continue to research other areas in Florida, specifically Charlotte County, that have had similar circumstances and how they were able to deal with them.

B. SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE, (11-17-2010) THOMAS CAMPANELLA, CHAIRMAN, TAMMY BOHANNON AND FRED GANT, MEMBERS

Item # 1 – Mr. Robert Rinke – Request for consideration of two (2) projects, trolleys and concerts. (Staff reports by Bob West and Jayne Bell)

SPEAKERS:

Ms. Lila Cox
Mr. Robert Rinke

Mr. West presented the report on trolleys and asked the Board to take into consideration several issues including; ECAT owns the trolleys and are soon to retire the current models, that the focus of the redevelopment of the Island/ Island Beautification Project is going to be mass transit and what if the SRIA goes away. Mr. West encouraged the Board to look forward.

Mr. Pavlock stated that we are consistent enough with times for trolley stops and we need to increase signage. Mr. Pavlock feels that we do not promote the trolleys enough. Mr. Pavlock suggested that we need to think like a tourist.

Mr. West affirmed that Mr. Pavlock made a fair statement but that there were many factors that needed to be taken into consideration. The Budget for trolleys has not increased since Hurricanes Ivan and Dennis due to the decrease in ridership and; the infrastructure for Pensacola Beach is not trolley friendly.

Ms. Cox wished to inform the Board that she served on the trolley committee and that she does not believe they are a public safety issue. Ms. Cox believes a

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subcommittee should be formed and asked that Mr. Pavlock serve as chair.

Mr. Rinke stated that he served on the original trolley committee and would like to have open air trolleys and additional hours again. Mr. Rinke also suggested taking \$100,000.00 from the Island Improvement Fund and involving E.W. Bullock & Assoc. for advertising.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Upon amended motion of Mr. Ed Guernsey seconded by Mr. Fred Gant, the Board unanimously recommended approval to form a trolley committee comprised of seven (7) members; Mr. Dave Pavlock, representing the SRIA Board to serve as chair and Ms. Lila Cox, representing the residents to select the additional five (5) members. (6-0)

SPEAKER:

Robert Rinke

Ms Bell presented the staff report regarding concerts.

Dr. Campanella stated that the suggested committee had some overlapping of representation and felt a fresh committee would be more effective.

Mr. Rinke stated that he would like to see a number of smaller concerts; one stage overlooking the beach; similar to bands on the beach concerts but on a higher level. Mr. Rinke wished to inform the Board that he had taken an informal survey and 37 out of 40 stakeholders would like to have smaller and frequent concerts. Mr. Rinke felt De Luna fest was an unbelievable success and he had no intention of competing with that size of an event, heads in beds was the objective.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Upon motion of Mr. Vernon Prather seconded by Dave Pavlock, the Board unanimously recommended approval to form a “concert feasibility committee” comprised of seven (7) members; Mr. Vernon Prather, representing the SRIA Board, as chair, and Ms. Beverly Boswell, representing cocktail lounges to select the additional five (5) members to include one (1) hotelier, one (1) restaurateur, one (1) Pensacola Beach Chamber representative, one (1) Pensacola Beach Advocate representative, one (1) retailer. (6-0)

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report by Executive Director Buck Lee)

Discussion continued from the Special Board/Special Projects Committee Meeting that was held earlier this evening.

Mr. Prather stated that this is an Island Beautification Project.

Upon motion of Mr. Vernon Prather, seconded by Ms. Tammy Bohannon, the Board unanimously recommends authorizing Mike Stebbins to prepare and agreement between the SRIA and Portofino to establish the landscaping project with a budget not to exceed \$600,000.00, and to have SRIA Board approval for each phase of the project. (6-0)

Ms. Bohannon stated that the Board should work towards forming a committee to work out the details of the project and draft a letter to the residents.

Dr. Campanella wished to identify the objectives of the committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Fred Gant, seconded by Mr. Dave Pavlock, the Board recommends adopting a Sub Committee comprised of five (5) members with Ms. Bohannon, representing the SRIA Board, and Mr. Robert Rinke, representing Portofino, to work out the details of the Beautification Project focusing on palm trees. The remaining three (3) members are to be selected by Ms. Bohannon and Mr. Rinke (5-1) Dr. Campanella voted in the negative.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Item # 1 – Villa Sabine Homeowner’s Association – Request to (1) use the Villa Sabine Funds, if necessary, on deposit with the SRIA to install poles for four Osprey nest platforms in the common area of Villa Sabine Subdivision and (2) send a letter of approval to Gulf Power for installation of four poles for the nests in the park area. (Staff report by Paolo Ghio)

SPEAKERS:

Mr. Jim Cox

Ms. Becky Shearman

Mr. Patrick Bruha

Mr. Ghio presented the staff report recommending approval of the request.

Mr. Patrick Bruha, an Eagle Scout, gave a brief summary of the project.

Upon motion of Mr. Vernon Prather, seconded by Mr. Dave Pavlock, the Board recommends approval of the request by Villa Sabine Homeowner’s

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Association to use the Villa Sabine Funds, if necessary, on deposit with the SRIA to install poles for four Osprey nest platforms in the common area of Villa Sabine Subdivision. Also, authorize Mr. Lee to send a letter of approval to Gulf Power for installation of four poles for the nests in the park area. (6-0)

Mr. Prather requested a report to the Board upon completion of the project.

15. REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lee submitted his monthly report for the review of the Board. Mr. Lee wished to inform the Board that the beach cleanup is moving forward; the sand sifter equipment is working great. Mr. Lee also asked the Board to vote on an SRIA employee appreciation/ recognition project.

Upon motion of Mr. Dave Pavlock seconded by Mr. Vernon Prather, the Board recommended approval of the SRIA employee appreciation/recognition project. (4-1) Mr. Fred Gant stepped out of the room briefly and Ms. Bohannon voted in the negative.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Stebbins submitted his monthly report for the review of the Board. Mr. Stebbins wished to correct one item on his report regarding the date of a deposition.

C. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Langston submitted his monthly report for the review of the Board.

16. VISITORS FORUM

No one wished to speak at this time.

17. BOARD MEMBERS FORUM

Mr. Pavlock requested an update on the proposed motor home project.

Ms. Bell stated that the developers were looking at March 2011 to begin process.

Mr. Pavlock inquired if the toll plaza transponder system would be replaced when the toll facility was updated for the beautification project.

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Mr. Lee stated that it had not been discussed.

Mr. Prather stated that he was concerned about the permitting issue for Lafitte Cove and asked that Mike Langston, Baskerville Donavon, to prepare an engineering synopsis identifying costs, timeline etc... for the next committee meeting.

18. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

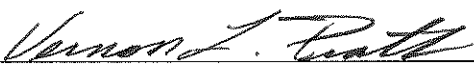
Ms. Bohannon nominated the following slate of officers for consideration:

Chairman = Mr. Ed Guernsey
Vice – Chairman = Mr. Dave Pavlock
Secretary/ Treasurer = Mr. Vernon Prather
Acting Secretary/ Treasurer = Dr. Thomas Campanella

Upon motion of Mr. Vernon Prather seconded by Dr. Thomas Campanella, the Board unanimously recommended approval of the nominated slate of officers as presented by Ms. Bohannon. (6-0)

19. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairwoman Bohannon declared the Regular Board Meeting of the SRIA Board adjourned at 7:38 p.m..



SECRETARY



CHAIRWOMAN

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