



PENSACOLA BEACH
SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY

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1-3. A Special Board Meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, beginning at 5:04 p.m. Members in attendance were: Chairman Dave Pavlock, Dr. Thomas Campanella, Mr. Vernon Prather, and Ms. Tammy Bohannon. Mr. Fred Gant participated by telephone. Mr. Guernsey was absent. Mr. Pavlock called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of meditation.

4. **Upon motion of Mr. Vernon Prather seconded by Ms. Tammy Bohannon, the Board unanimously granted approval for Mr. Fred Gant to participate in the Special Board Meeting via telephone. (4-0)**

5. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Item # 1 - Mr. Pavlock explained the Special Board Meeting was called to discuss the presentation by BDI & EDSA on January 24, 2012 regarding the options that were discussed for the core area. He then asked the Board Members their thoughts on the 2 concepts. (Concept A-Pedestrian Overpass, Concept B-Pedestrian Underpass)

Ms. Tammy Bohannon prefers Concept B because it keeps traffic moving and it is a safer option for pedestrians. She supports the idea of the parking lots being interconnected.

Dr. Thomas Campanella stated that spending \$25 million on one intersection seemed excessive. He stated that the project should go back to the drawing board. He said the focus should be on providing parking so that the public can walk around our pristine area of the Gulf Coast.

Mr. Vernon Prather stated that Concept B preserved more parking spaces and he would ask Escambia County to look carefully through all their funding sources, rather than planning on only raising the toll for additional revenues.

Mr. Gant (via telephone) stated that parking was an allocation problem. He said Concept B was more functional and addressed safety issues. Mr. Gant indicated he was not concerned about the funding for this project.

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Mr. Pavlock stated Concept B is the superior plan. He pointed out that certain issues with the service road to the Grand Marlin need to be addressed, as well.

SPEAKERS:

Jim Cox
Fred Donovan, Jr. BDI
Tom Almon
Phillip Napier
Beverly Campbell
Lila Cox

Much discussion followed.

Mr. Donovan stressed the importance of making a selection so that BDI could get started immediately with design.

Dr. Campanella stated he would like to have more public input and asked to put the decision off for a short period of time to allow for feedback from others. Mr. Prather and Ms. Bohannon agreed.

Ms. Bohannon made a motion that failed, due to lack of a second.

Upon motion of Mr. Vernon Prather seconded by Mr. Fred Gant, the Board unanimously agreed to move this item to the Regular Agenda for additional discussion and review at the February 8, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. (5-0)

The following items were added by Chairman Pavlock:

Item # 2 – Chairman Pavlock asked to sunset the Steering Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Vernon Prather seconded by Ms. Tammy Bohannon, the Board unanimously voted to sunset the Steering Committee. (5-0)

Item # 3 – Chairman Pavlock appointed Ms. Tammy Bohannon to update the members at the monthly Board Meetings of the progress, if any, on this project. This will be an on-going agenda item.

6. ADJOURN

Adjournment:

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There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Pavlock declared the Special Board Meeting of the SRIA Board adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



SECRETARY



CHAIRMAN

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