



CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

February 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

St. MARYS INTRACOASTAL GATEWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER – at 6:00 sharp.

II. ROLL CALL

QUORUM: YES X NO ___

In attendance: *Mr. Jim Gant; Mr. John Morrissey; Mr. Roger A. Weaver; Ms. Teddie Lockhart Ms. Kay Westberry; Mr. Jim Lomis; Mr. Steve Crowell; Mr. A. J. Jones; Mr. Sidney Howell; Mr. Craig Root; Ms. Mary Neff; Mr. Phil Jones (All voting members in attendance!!)*

Absent: *Mr. David Keating (non-voting).*

Visitors: *Ms. Johna Rush; Bill Creed, Bob Nutter, Tom ???*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Review and approval of minutes of January 23, 2012 - Motion by Ms. Westberry; Second by Ms. Lockhart; Unanimous, with Mr. Howell, Mr. P. Jones, Mr. Root, and Ms. Neff abstaining due to non attendance at the meeting*

IV. PRESENTATION

A. None at this time.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Update on the TE grant and the CIG grant. Discussion was that the TE project timeline for this appeared excessive but incorporates GaDOT requirements for completion.
- B. Update on status of the demolition of the Boat House. Motion by Mr. Root, Second by Mr. Morrissey, to open up the site by removing the Gates, bamboo and underbrush and limb up the existing trees for visibility. DISCUSSION: whether to take down the fence or not. If removed it could be used in the cemetery. VOTE: 11 ayes, one nay (Mr. Crowell); Motion carried.
- C. Mr. Weaver presented a time line for discussion showing milestones and other appropriate items with discussion by the SMIG committee.
- D. Next meeting the SMIG should discuss the next step regarding an RFQ preparation and release date.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion about how to market the property. This committee made up of Mr. AJ Jones, Mr. Loomis; and Ms. Lockhart was instructed to be more aggressive and persuasive. Target potential boutique hotel developers. Mr. AJ Jones noted that one individual has visited the site and liked the concept of a boutique hotel. Also to have a realtor event with tent to enhance exposure. Mr. Weaver to contact Mr. Glaze about state of the market from his standpoint.
- B. Discussion on the Heart & Soul Tour. Mr. AJ Jones noted that this will be on April 19, 2012 from around 2:15 PM starting at the Kingsland visitor center. , then to Theatre by the Trax, then to the Meeting Street Boat ramp, then by Lang's boat to SMIG property, then to waterfront park, then to visitor center for song and refreshments, and onto bus and back out via Orange Hall. Mr. AJ Jones noted that there will be plenty of room on the boat, so the management staff is welcome to come along.



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- C. Discussion on removal of two abandoned boats at Lang's Dock. Permission has been given by DNR to remove these boats, and the City is spearheading an effort to get this accomplished. This is no longer part of the SMIG committee's agenda.
 - D. Discussion on Realtor's meeting at the site. This could be coordinated with the opening of the repaired dock.
- IX. **REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES**
- A. Marketing Sub-Committee. See VIII A above.
- X. **GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC – ANY ITEM RELATED TO THE SMIG MISSION**
- A. Mr. Creed agreed with Mr. A. J. Jones
 - B. Mr. Nutter commented on lighting, removal of the timber pilings, decking concerns, and the impact of the two year TE grant timeline.
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT : Motion to adjourn by Mr. Root, Second by Mr. Loomis, Unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. Next meeting Thursday, March 23, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the DDA Building (Ward Hernandez Building).**

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.
William Jennings Bryan quoted at the Council presentation on June 14, 2010 regarding the 100 Ready Street Project