



CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

October 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES as amended and approved

St. MARYS INTRACOASTAL GATEWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

QUORUM: YES XX NO

In attendance: Mr. Jim Gant; Mr. John Morrissey; Artie Jones, III; Mr. Roger A. Weaver; Ms. Kay Westberry; Mr. Phil Jones; Steve Crowell; Ms. Mary Neff; Mr. David Keating (non-voting).

Absent: Mr. Jim Lomis; Mr. Craig Root; Ms. Teddie Lockhart; Mr. Sidney Howell

Visitors: Ms. Johna Rush; Bob Groote; M/M Chris Thurner; Mr. Bob Nutter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review and approval of minutes of past Meetings. Documents handed out for July 25, August 29, and September 15 with the postponement of approval until the next meeting.

IV. PRESENTATION

A. None at this time.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Neff and Second by Ms. Westberry to approve the agenda with item G noted below added for discussion.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Recap of disposition of both RFP's for the record. ***The SMIG committee requested that both applicants be advised of the status with a letter from the City.***
- B. Update on grant final approvals from Council and grantors for the TE grant and the CIG grant. ***Mr. Weaver discussed the status. The contracts are at the two agencies and awaiting signature. The CIG grant received a notice to proceed. Comment that the 'grand opening' of the dock be coordinated with the Marti Gras or other festival. Mr. Jones commented that he may have volunteers to work on the floating dock.***
- C. Brief update on the grant implementation process, to include, champion of grant, project manager, project engineer, timeline for implementation, decisions on design of the grant elements, and answering any questions, and should the committee meet to vote on grant issues, direction and design. (Note: The scope of work for the grant is already set as part of the application process, so there should be no changes to the design scope. Any substantive change will need Council and Agency approval prior to implementation.) ***This was part of B above, and will be more fully determined in future meetings.***

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discuss and determine projects, issues, and other requirements that need to be monitored either as part of the grant or as part of the mission of the SMIG Committee. ***Signage for environmental and historic elements should be part of the project. Ms. Westberry will look into historic components.***
- B. Discuss how the SMIG committee will communicate grant progress to the public and receive input from the public. ***Post minutes on website and provide an executive summary of the project as well. Keep council and the media up to date on meetings, etc. Meetings should be regularly scheduled once per month, and continue what 'we' are doing by holding regular meetings.***
- C. Discuss and determine if the committee needs to be involved in the Boat House demolition. ***Committee recommended to Council that the existing structures on the site be demolished.***



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- D. Discuss how should the resulting open field be used? Should the Committee work on a recommendation for temporary use to obtain public input and to submit these recommendations to council for review and approval. *Discussion on the fence, whether to reuse it or leave it alone or repurpose it on the site. Consensus was to discuss this with Bobby. Ms. Westberry noted that the gates could be reused at the cemetery. Mr. Nutter noted that picnic tables and benches could be donated. Mr. P. Jones inquired about Site facilities (toilets, etc.) and was informed by the Committee that it would be the renters responsibility. Mr. Gant noted that any of the proposed use is a temporary use as the SMIG committee is still looking for a developer in accordance with the five principles.*
- E. Discuss and determine how and who will monitor the state of the economy and various market indices to determine when to issue a second RFP. Mr. A.J. Jones and DDA to coordinate this. AND F. Determine who will be charged to continue the search for qualified developers and how this search will be accomplished?
1. Market through GaPower website/and other state sites.
 2. Coordinate with the JDA
 3. Market in tandem with Cumberland Harbor marketing
 4. Get pulse of the economy once or twice a year to determine whether to rework and reissue the RFP.
 5. Mr. P. Jones offered to take digital photos of the site from the River.
- G. **ADDED:** Clarify distinction between the easement and residue of the property. This was a general discussion. The terms of the TE Grant will determine the limit of the easement, and the future disposition of the connection between the residue of the property and the walkway and dock and river.

VIII. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

- A. None

IX. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Nutter: Asked about

- a. Utility lines (will be capped);
- b. Easement (will be owned by the City);
- c. Status of Weed Street (entirely owned by the City as Gilman leased the ROW from the City in the 50's).

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion to adjourn by Ms. Neff; Second by Ms. Westberry. Next meeting to be December 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM¹.

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

¹ Meeting had been scheduled for December 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM but was subsequently changed to December 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM which is noted herein.