



CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

November 15, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

100 READY STREET STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

QUORUM: YES X NO ___

In attendance: Mr. Gant; Ms. Teddy Lockhart; Mr. Morrissey; Mr. Root; Ms. Thornhill; Mr. Howell; Mr. Weaver; Mr. Shanahan; Mr. Cyphers; Mr. Phil Jones.

Absent: Ms. Sue Lockhart; Mr. Loomis

Visitor: Mr. Bird; Ms. Sarah Yednock

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Review and approval of minutes of Meeting of 10-25-10*

Motion to approve by Mr. Root; Second by Mr. Morrissey.

Discussion on the Motion: None Vote: 10 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Request to Add: Old Business – Item J. HPC membership on the Steering Committee

Old Business – Move Item C to Item A to accommodate a visitor.

New Business – Discuss Rezoning and/or Subdivision of the parcel

Motion to approve the above changes to the agenda by Mr. Root; Second by Mr. Cyphers

Discussion on the motion – None Vote: 10 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Review of possible grant opportunities (*Alyce Thornhill, DDA and CRC*)

Ms. Yednock and Ms. Thornhill reviewed two grant opportunities: The Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG) and the Transportation Infrastructure Grant (TE). A third opportunity (the B.I.G. grant) was also discussed.

1. The CIG grant is a 50/50 grant with \$100,000 maximum project limit. Match can be cash or in-kind, or donation of land, design or other items related work. The grant can be used for safety, docks, ADA, protection of the Coast, etc. The application is due on 14 January, 2011.
2. The TE grant is available every two years for grants up to \$1million with 20/80 requirements. This grant must be related to surface transportation, and not water transportation; used for extension of existing transportation infrastructure. There was some discussion on using these funds for extending the waterfront walk, since the original walk was funded with TE funds. The grant application is due on 15 December 2010.

Motion to recommend to Council to proceed with grant application for \$250,000 (minimum grant amount) for extension of the public walkway and for safety improvements along the public walkway by Ms. Teddy Lockhart; Second by Mr. Root.

Discussion on the motion: Will a 'turndown' of the application by GaDOT affect future grant applications? Answer was 'no'. VOTE: 10 ayes, 0 nays. Unanimous.

3. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has a Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG). This is a two tier grant, the first tier is a state grant for \$100,000 and the second tier is a federal grant and can be up to \$4 million dollars. This has funding for docks and related facilities. This will be discussed in more detail closer to the grant application date. The next funding cycle will be September 2011.

B. Review of Report on Existing Conditions (*Roger A. Weaver, Planning Director*)

Mr. Weaver briefly provided an overview of the previously submitted document.

C. Review of DRAFT correlation of comments from Visioning Session (*Roger A. Weaver, Planning Director*)

Mr. Weaver briefly provided an overview of the previously submitted document.

Discussion on further combining duplications on the list, and to hone it down to be more precise as referenced to the original list.

A sub-committee was formed to prepare an updated Correlation of Comments for review by the full Committee. This sub-committee is made up of Mr. Jones, Mr. Shanahan, Ms. Thornhill, and Mr. Weaver.

D. Discussion on comments related to Mission Statement (*Committee*)

A sub-committee was formed to prepare a mission statement for review by the full Committee. This sub-committee is made up of Mr. Gant, Mr. Cyphers, Ms. Teddi Lockhart, and Mr. Root. The sub-committee is to use the 5+1 original guiding principles as the basis for a mission statement as well as five data 'goals' as presented by Mr. Gant. These five goals are:

1. Public Walkway
2. Environmental enhancement
3. Historical Compatibility
4. Economic Development
5. Visitor and Citizen 'destination'.

E. Timeline format discussion.

Mr. Weaver to draft a time line similar to the Jekyll Island timeline and insert 'milestones' for discussion.

F. Mail group/Contact list status.

This has been completed and available to all.

G. Discussion on the sample RFPs from Jekyll Island.

Committee will formulate a committee in the future to prepare a draft that is consistent with City RFP policy. Item postponed until next meeting.

H. Status on link on the website.

Item postponed until next meeting.

I. Discussion on renaming of the project site.

Item postponed until next meeting.

- J. HPC Membership on the Steering Committee
Recommendation to Council for review and approval of the HPC membership motion from last meeting to be placed on the agenda for the December City Council.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discuss method of dissemination of data and minutes to the general public and Council.
Motion by Mr. Root , Second by Mr. Jones to follow City Council procedure for dissemination of data and minutes, with summary to be issued prior to the minutes being issued. VOTE: 10 yea; 0 Nay Motion carried.
- B. Designation of sub-committees.
Committee to recommend/suggest different committees for next meeting.
- C. Zoning/Subdivision of Parcel
Consideration of rezoning the parcel from R-1 to C-1 was postponed until such a time as an actual use is determined.

Motion by Mr. Jones, Second by Mr. Root to recommend to Council to subdivide the existing parcel into two parcels A and B such that Parcel A (the Waterfront portion from approx. 35 feet back of the existing bulkhead south to the limits of the property) be permanently deeded to the City and Citizens of St. Marys for public access in perpetuity. **There was discussion for and against the concept.¹**

VOTE: 10 ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

VII. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

- A. Discussion on use of existing dock and B. Discussion on possible DNR grant for the dock area (*Waterfront sub-committee*) combined in discussion.

The Waterfront sub-committee noted that there is only one slip available based on the existing conditions of the dock area. The CIG grant could be used for making the dock area safe and usable.

Motion by Mr. Root, Second by Mr. Jones to ask Council to apply for the CIG grant with the City to provide \$25000, in kind to provide \$25,000 and the grant to provide \$50,000 for a total of \$10000 for safety and access improvements according to the DNR permit.

Discussion on the Motion: The needs Council approval. The Public may not approve. Public access is key. This will make the dock usable to the public. Timing is the issue. VOTE: 8 ayes; 2 Nays Motion carried.

(NOTE: The dock as a PRIVATE dock facility is usable as is. When the dock changes to PUBLIC access, then the need for safety upgrades are required.)

VIII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

No comments from the public at this stage of the meeting.

¹ Amended per minutes of the 12-20-10 meeting

IX. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Please add the following meetings to your calendar. These dates are necessary for the Grant noted above to be reviewed and approved by City Council.

- A. November 29th at 9am in the Economic Development Building
 - a. Discuss grants and subdivision of property
- B. December 13th at 6pm will be the December St Marys City Council Meeting
- C. December 20th at 9am in the Economic Development Building, the regularly scheduled steering committee mtg.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Jones, Second by Mr. Root. VOTE: 10 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

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