



CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

December 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

100 READY STREET STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

QUORUM: YES X NO ___

In attendance: Mr. Jim Gant; Ms. Teddie Lockhart; Mr. John Morrissey; Mr. Craig Root; Ms. Alyce Thornhill; Mr. Roger A. Weaver; Mr. Tom Cyphers; Mr. Phil Jones; Ms. Sue Lockhart; Mr. Jim Lomis; Mr. David Keating.

Absent: Mr. Howell; Mr. Shanahan

Visitor: Mr. Walt Natzic and Allene Groot

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Review and approval of minutes of Meeting of 11-15-10 & 11-29-10*

Discussion and approval of the minutes was deferred to later in the meeting once everyone received copies.

Gant announced that it was approved at the last City Council meeting that the Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee be appointed to the 100 Ready Street Steering Committee. Mr. Cyphers is the current chair and was introduced to the group.

IV. PRESENTATION:

A. Morrissey presented the PowerPoint presentation that was made to Council.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (continued)

Gant handed out the minutes from both meetings and asked the committee to review them.

Motion to approve the November 15th minutes with the changes to the misspelled names was made by Mr. Jones; Second by Mr. Root. Discussion on the Motion: None Vote: 11 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the November 29th minutes was made by Mr. Cyphers; Second by Mr. Morrissey. Discussion on the Motion: None Vote: 11 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was amended to add the following: Correlation of comments, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG) and Convention Center Idea.

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

Discussion on the motion – None Vote: 11 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of renaming of the project site.

Gant asked the committee to consider the name: *St. Marys Inter-coastal Waterfront Property*. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

B. Discussion on Mission Statement

Roger Weaver arrived to the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Mission statement draft that was formed is:

The steering committee's mission and objectives are to identify, pursue and implement with city Council approval, appropriate development and funding for the dock house property with open public participation. The committee's vision is to create a citizen and visitor destination while guaranteeing public access, environmental enhancement, and Economic Development which is fully compatible with Historic Downtown St. Marys.

C. Timeline Format Discussion

Mr. Weaver discussed the handout of the timeline showing the major milestones of items completed and items pending. Alyce mentioned that Haskill Company in Jacksonville has offered for members of the committee to visit their planning room for creation of a charrette at no cost. The Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) has also offered to visit to create a charrette for the committee or either a smaller group also at no cost. The committee asked if the CRC charrette could be completed as soon as possible in January before the next committee meeting date of January 24th and then complete the Haskill charrette soon after.

D. Correlation of Comments

The subcommittee of Alyce Thornhill, Roger Weaver, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Shanahan will have this update for the next meeting. Mr. Gant asked that this be emailed to the committee for review before the next meeting.

E. DNR CIG Grant

This item was voted on by the committee at the November 15th meeting. With this grant in kind items would come from in house, i.e. Public Works would be able to work on railings. Mr. Weaver will determine other in kind services that can be provided and this item will be presented to Council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Review of submitted TE Grant

The grant was mailed and a copy emailed to the committee.

Mr. Lomis and Mr. Cyphers left the meeting.

B. Discussion on creation of RFP subcommittee

This item was postponed.

C. Discussion on Separation of components of property for future development

Gant read the resolution draft that was prepared at the request of Council. This document will be given to the city attorney as a guide in preparing the resolution that will be presented to council. Gant proposed that he would speak with a real estate attorney to get some advice that can be taken to council to designate permanent public access. Motion was made to accept the draft resolution and forward to the City Attorney by Ms. Lockhart; Second by Ms. Thornhill. Discussion on the motion – None Vote: 9 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried. The committee still obtained a quorum after the departure of two members.

D. Review of Resolution requested by Council regarding access to the Waterfront.

Same as item C.

E. Discussion on extension of DNR permit for Dock

Mr. Weaver mentioned that the city currently has a permit for the dock. This permit is a five year permit that expires in March 2011. The extension will be applied for and will afford the city an additional five years.

F. Convention Center Idea

Ms. Thornhill mentioned the Richmond Hill City Center and that the committee should visit it if plans to include this type facility on the property.

G. Next Meeting.

Due to the next meeting date being on the Martin Luther King Holiday, the next meeting has therefore been rescheduled to the following Monday, January 24, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

VIII. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

A. None

IX. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Natzic gave his input on naming the property: *St. Marys Intercoastal Gateway Center*.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Morrissey; Second by Mr. Jones. VOTE: 9 ayes, 0 nays.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

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