



# CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

February 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

## DRAFT MINUTES

### ST. MARYS INTRACOASTAL GATEWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 pm by Mr. Gant
- II. ROLL CALL: *Mr. Sidney Howell ; Mrs. Teddie Lockhart ; Mr. Jim Gant; Mr. John Morrissey; Mr. Craig Root; Ms. Kay Westberry; Mr. Phil Jones; Mr. David Keating; Mrs. Mary Neff; Mr. Roger A. Weaver; Mr. Steve Crowell; and Mr. A. Jones, III* QUORUM: YES XX NO
- III. Absent: *Mr. Jim Lomis*
- IV. Guests: *Mrs. Melinda Nesmith-Piccard; Ms. Loretta Cockrum; Mr. Ben Anderson; Mrs. Cheri Richter; Mr. Tom Richter; Ms. Christin Stringer; Mr. Jeremy Mackey; Mr. Thomas O'Neill; and Mr. Terry Landreth*
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Review and approval of minutes of October 22, 2012 - Motion by \_\_\_\_\_; Second by \_\_\_\_\_.*
- VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – NO COMMENTS
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Update on the Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG): *Mr. Weaver reported that an informal review has been completed and the grant needs to be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Also presented were copies of the eight educational signs that will be displayed on the property. The signs will be placed 4 on each side of the dock so that visitors can read the signs and look out to see what the sign is describing. Mr. Weaver asked the committee to offer suggestions for a title/header for the signs. Mr. Gant agreed that St. Marys Gateway was suitable for the signage. Mr. Weaver will email the sign suggestions to the committee for further input.*
  - B. Update on the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant: *Mr. Weaver reported that environmental reviews have just been completed with findings of “No Impact”. Once the review is received, it will go to the next phase – preparation of contract documents. The design of the wall will mirror the walkway in the Howard Gilman Waterfront Park.*
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Introduction of the Feasibility/Best Use Study Consultant: *AJ introduced Mr. O’Neill to the Steering Committee. Mr. O’Neill’s goal is to have the study completed mid-March. AJ suggested that the next SMIG meeting be scheduled around the completion of the study in order to have Mr. O’Neill present during that time. Mr. O’Neill addressed the committee and listed his qualifications to conduct the study. He will be meeting with various people and business owners in the community to gather information to help with the study.*
  - B. New CIG Grant request: *Mr. Weaver reported that Council has approved the committee to apply for a new CIG grant. The grant was submitted on January 18<sup>th</sup> and it will also be a matching grant. If the requested \$40,000 grant is received, it will be used to install an additional floating dock, three breasting dolphin units, (two to protect the gateway dock and one to protect the existing dock), and two breasting dolphins to be installed at the pavilion dock to protect it from any damage.*



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- IX. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES: NONE
- X. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC—ANY ITEM RELATED TO THE SMIG MISSION: *Mr. Phil Jones made a comment as a concerned citizen about the two neglected boats in the river near the property. Mr. Weaver reported that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported the boats as abandoned and derelict and posted them as such for 30 days as required by law. An individual 'obtained' these boats and is apparently working on them. Mr. Weaver will contact DNR to determine the current status of the vessels.*
- XI. ADJOURNMENT: *was at 6:15 pm with a motion by Mr. Howell and second by Mrs. Westberry. All were in favor.*

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE**

*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*