



CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

September 12, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

ST. MARYS INTRACOASTAL GATEWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 pm by Mr. Gant
- II. ROLL CALL: *Mr. Craig Root, Mr. Sidney Howell; Mr. John Morrissey; Mr. Phil Jones; Mrs. Teddie Lockhart; Mr. Gary Straight, Mr. Jim Gant; Ms. Kay Westberry; Mrs. Mary Neff; Mr. Roger A. Weaver; Mr. Steve Crowell; and Mr. A. Jones, III* QUORUM: YES XX NO
- Absent: *Mr. David Keating*
- Guests: *Mr. Bob Nutter*
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Review and approval of minutes of July 18, 2013 - Motion by Mr. Gary Straight; Second by Mrs. Teddie Lockhart. All were in favor. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Craig Root; Second by Mr. Gary Straight. All were in favor.*
- IV. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – NONE
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. Update on the Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG): *Mr. Weaver reported that the signage for the grant has been approved and the signs are in fabrication. Signs will be installed after the permits are issued from DNR.*
- B. Update on the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant: *Mr. Weaver reported that on the September 16th Council Agenda there will be a request for an ecology report. This request came from the Federal Highway Administration. The cost of the report is approximately \$9200 and funds will be taken from the grant.*
- C. Status of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Permit and proposed property subdivision: *Mr. Weaver reported the property subdivision was voted on and approved by council. The document has been advertised and there is a 30 day comment period followed by a 30 day appeal period. The pier will be opened by middle of November.*
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FORAM Group Review and Approval: *Mr. Gant gave a brief update on the status of FORAM Group. Mrs. Cockrum is very interested in serve as the representative for the city. Mr. Gant presented the MOU to the group that has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved by Council. After discussion motion to approve the MOU was made by Mr. John Morrissey; Second with discussion by Mr. Craig Root. Discussion was had to discuss the length of the agreement. Mr. Gant clarified that the length was managed by Council. All were in favor of the proposed motion. Question was asked about the Executive committee that will be formed to aid in this project. Mr. Gant reported that he would like to be on the committee as well as Mr. Morrissey and a person from the DDA board. Mr. Gant noted that he spoke to Mr. Charlie Smith about serving on this committee.*



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VII. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES: NONE

VIII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC—*ANY ITEM RELATED TO THE SMIG MISSION: Mr. Bob Nutter acknowledged that it has been 38 months since the inception of the committee and he congratulated them on making this step with the MOU and hopes to see some momentum from this point forward. Mr. Nutter also noted that he thought from listening to Mrs. Cockrum's presentations that she was expecting the Executive Committee to be the decision makers in order for the process not to be slowed down by waiting for decisions.*

IX. ADJOURNMENT: *was at 6:30 pm with a motion by Mr. Sidney Howell and second by Mrs. Teddie Lockhart. 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*