

SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY
PENSACOLA BEACH, FLORIDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2003

1-2. A regularly scheduled meeting of the Authority was held on Wednesday, August 6, 2003, beginning at 6:35 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mr. Bill Griffith, Mr. Don Ayres, Mr. McGuire Martin, Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Dr. Thomas Campanella, and Mr. Thom Blas. Mr. Griffith, Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Martin, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 2, 2003. (6-0)

4-5. Upon motion of Mr. Ayres, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the board unanimously adopted the agenda, as presented. (6-0)

6. READING OF RECUSAL FORMS

Ms. Mary Bolman reviewed the recusal forms issued since the time of the previous meeting. Mr. Griffith reviewed and made comments regarding recent correspondence received from Mr. Jeff Marker regarding recusals from discussions and or board actions. A brief discussion followed.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Griffith noted that Mr. Brannen and Mr. Cleaveland, who were present in the audience, met with he and Mr. Blews regarding the possibility of constructing a parking garage. A discussion followed.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS & BOARD ACTION

Mr. George Touart, County Administrator, appeared before the board to request funding to subsidize the Advanced Life Support aspect of the Pensacola Beach Fire Department. The Manager said that staff recommended approval of a subsidy in the amount of \$100,000 to be included in the FY 2004 Budget for the Santa Rosa Island Authority. A discussion followed.

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Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously approved funding in the amount of \$100,000 to be included in the FY 2004 budget for the Pensacola Beach Fire Department. (6-0)

Mr. Griffith recommended that staff be authorized to determine the source for the funding.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously authorized staff to determine the source of the funding for the Pensacola Beach Fire Department. (6-0)

9. PENSACOLA BEACH RESIDENTS & LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION REPORT

There was no report from the Pensacola Beach Residents & Leaseholders Association.

10. PENSACOLA BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Ms. Sandy Johnston, Manager of the Visitor's Information Center (VIC) reported that the month of July was extremely busy with record numbers of visitors. She then reviewed the events, stating that the Bushwacker Festival was successful as were the Free Friday Flicks.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. DEVELOPMENT & LEASING COMMITTEE (7-9-03) - Mr. Jimmie Perkins, Chairman

The following item was for information only (no board action required):

Item #1 – Pensacola Beach Land Trust – Comments by Mr. Allen Levin regarding previous request to defer payment of minimum lease fees

(Mr. Perkins left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.)

B. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (7-9-03) - Mr. McGuire Martin, Chairman

Committee Action:

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following items:

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Item #1 – Mr. Fred Simmons, W.A.S., Inc d/b/a Geronimo's Spirits, Inc., 69 Via de Luna, denial of the request for store front renovations as proposed by the applicant; and redesign of the proposed renovations to conform with the existing architectural plan.

Item #2 – Hemingway's Restaurant – Sublease to Pensacola Beach Holdings, Inc. – 400 Quietwater Beach Road, Unit 16 - Request to construct an uncovered roof-top deck subject to there being no increase in seating over that approved for the project without the roof-top deck, board approval of future requests for additional seating, and execution of an agreement acceptable to legal counsel.

Board Action:

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ayres, the board unanimously approved the recommendation of the committee for Item #1. (5-0)

Mr. Martin announced that he would be recusing himself from the vote on Item #2 due to his interests in a competing business. A brief discussion followed during which the board heard comments from Mr. Larry Fox and Mr. Bill King.

Upon motion of Mr. Ayres, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the committee for Item #2 with the stipulation that after the parking study is complete and a proper allocation of parking spaces has been determined, the applicant may request consideration for additional seating. (4-0 with Mr. Martin recusing himself from the vote)

For Information: Mr. Griffith asked that staff work with Mr. King regarding his parking concerns and report to the appropriate committee.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (7-9-03) - Mr. Bill Griffith, Chairman

Committee Action:

The committee unanimously recommends approval of the following items:

Item #1 – Asking staff to revisit the issue of payment of lease fees on dues and memberships

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Item #2 – Referring the issue of physical barriers at public access easements to legal counsel and staff to work with Mr. Mike McGartland and the interested parties to develop a proposed resolution

The committee unanimously recommends acceptance of the following item:

Item #3 – Report on Financial Statements and Expenditures

The following item was for information only:

Item #4 – Promotions & Events Report

Board Action:

Upon motion of Mr. Ayres, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously approved the recommendations of the committee for Items #1 and #2. (5-0)

Upon motion of Mr. Ayres, seconded by Mr. Martin, the board unanimously approved the recommendation of the committee for Item #3. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

12. OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 – FY 2004 Budget (unanimously recommended by the Administrative Committee to move forward to the board, as amended)

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously approved the FY 2004 Budget. (5-0)

13. NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 – Mr. Stephen B. Shell on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. McCurdy – Lot 12, Block 9, Villa Primera – Request for approval of lease amendment to correct omission of 99-year renewal term in master lease

Ms. Bolman provided background on the request, stating that staff recommended approval of the request, as presented.

Upon motion of Mr. Ayres, seconded by Mr. Blas, the board unanimously approved the request by Mr. Stephen B. Shell on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. McCurdy – Lot 12, Block

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9, Villa Primera, for a lease amendment to correct the omission of the 99-year renewal term in the master lease. (5-0)

Item #2 – Escambia County Utilities Authority (ECUA) – Fence Around Water Tanks
The Manager presented the background on the request, noting that the staff of the ECUA was present to offer additional information on their request. A discussion followed during which the board heard comments by Mr. Tim Haag of the ECUA.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ayres, the board approved the request by the Escambia County Utilities Authority to safeguard the ground level water storage tanks on Pensacola Beach by erecting a blue vinyl coated chain-link fence, six feet high adjacent to the road and eight feet high adjacent to the water. (5-0)

Item #3 – Awarding of bid for Little Quietwater Picnic Shelters

Ms. Bolman said that the Selection Review Committee met earlier that day to review the bids received for the Little Quietwater Picnic Shelters and recommended awarding the bid to Morette Company with a total bid of \$173,800.

Upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ayres, the board unanimously approved awarding the bid for the Little Quietwater Picnic Shelters to Morette Company at a bid of \$173,800. (5-0)

14. REPORTS

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager said that his report was published in the board's background material. He called the board's attention to the delay in the dates for the September board and committee meetings due to the annual meeting of the Florida Shores and Beaches Preservation Association (FSBPA), noting that the board meeting was delayed until September 10 and the committee meetings would be held on September 17. Mr. Griffith noted that Ms. Debbie Norton of the SRIA staff was slated to receive an award at the annual meeting of the FSBPA.

B. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Mike Stebbins, SRIA counsel, said that the Attorney's Report was provided for the

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board's information. He noted that a lawsuit had been filed on behalf of Ms. Lenore Berman and the response was due the end of the month.

B. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Hemphill, SRIA engineering representative, reported that the bike path construction was scheduled to begin the following day and the remaining road paving projects were scheduled to begin next week. He also noted that a major portion of the Casino Beach parking lot would be repaved and they would be working on the upgrades to the Quietwater Beach picnic shelters approved earlier on the agenda. Mr. Hemphill said their staff was preparing a FRDAP (Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program) grant application for the public safety facility on Pensacola Beach.

15. VISITORS FORUM

No one wished to speak during Visitor's Forum.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

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