

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

1-2. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A special board meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority was held on Wednesday, August 6, 2003, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Mr. Bill Griffith, Mr. McGuire Martin, Mr. Don Ayres, 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. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Griffith reviewed the guidelines for speakers appearing before the Santa Rosa Island Authority and provided background, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to address the road improvement program.

4. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Dave Hemphill, SRIA engineering representative, reviewed a presentation regarding the current status of the project. He said he would like to see a recommendation to proceed with the design as it was discussed in his presentation, with a two-lane design on Ft. Pickens, a two-lane and a four-lane option on Via de Luna, underground power for discussion, the drainage improvements, and the medians, taken to the 60% design level. Mr. Hemphill recommended that a traffic analysis be completed parallel to the 60% design level. A discussion followed.

Mr. Blas moved to approve the recommendation of the engineer, Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and discussion followed. Mr. Ayres presented an amendment to the motion to retain Ft. Pickens Road in its present four lane and two lane configuration with improvements to include underground utility lines, storm-water improvements where needed, additional parking, trolley stops and additional landscaping; a traffic study and analysis on Via de Luna to determine if additional lanes are required or permissible in accordance with the County Comprehensive Plan; consideration as an alternate design of a two-lane configuration with limited and minimally sized medians for Via de Luna; and high priority assigned to parking, drainage, utility line burial, trolley stops, landscaping, reclaimed water irrigation, and bike lanes. Dr. Campanella seconded the amendment. The amendment failed on a vote of 2-4 with Mr. Griffith, Mr. Martin, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Blas voting in the negative. A discussion followed.

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Mr. Hemphill restated his recommendation noting that Ft. Pickens was proposed as a two-lane design with drainage repairs on approximately 3000 linear feet in three segments and additional parking. He said on Via de Luna, he recommended proceeding with a two-lane and a four-lane option; effluent reuse, drainage, and traffic calming, as described in the 60% design, which is the horizontal element.

Additional discussion followed during which the board heard comments from the following persons:

Rick Sundstrom
Kent Marple
Dan Magyrosi
John Lenzner
Pat Bernhard
Tom Kiernan
Jerry Altman
Mary Inman
Rich Wager
Greg Gilchrist
Jim Inman

William Jackson
Casey Trout
Jesse Rigby
Steve DelGallo
Robert Gleim
Gary Powell
Jeff Marker
Robert Rinke
Lynn Rogers
John Barrett
Jane Kates

Upon motion of Mr. Blas, seconded by Mr. Martin, the board voted to proceed with the 60% design, defined as the horizontal element, on the road improvement program to include consideration of the following elements:

Via de Luna:

**2 and 4 Lane Option, w/Bike Lane
Stabilized Shoulders
Underground Power
Drainage Improvements
Traffic Calming
Effluent Reuse**

Ft. Pickens Road:

**2 Lane Design w/Bike Lane
Stabilized Shoulders
Underground Power
Drainage Improvements
Traffic Calming
Parking,**

Subject to completion of a traffic analysis to determine traffic capacity. (4-2 with Mr. Ayres and Dr. Campanella voting in the negative)

A discussion followed regarding the traffic analysis.

Upon amended motion of Mr. Ayres, seconded by Dr. Campanella, the board unanimously voted that the traffic study for the road improvement program be conducted by a third party outside of Baskerville Donovan, Inc., the Santa Rosa Island Authority or Escambia County and outside of a subcontract with

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Baskerville Donovan, Inc.; and that the plans for the traffic study be made available to the public in advance, subject to the study being accomplished within ninety days. (6-0)

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

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