



## **Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.**

The Dennis McGee Room – Daytona Beach International Airport 700 Catalina Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Nancy Miller , Roundtable Chair, Mayor,Daytona Beach Shores; Lois Paritsky, Roundtable Vice Chair, Mayor, Ponce Inlet; Chris Cloudman, Mayor, DeLand; Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach; Gary Blair, Mayor, Orange City; Diezel DePew, Mayor, Edgewater; Bill Hall, Mayor, South Daytona; Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange; Bill Partington, Mayor, Ormond Beach; Cameron Lane, Mayor, Lake Helen; Danny Robins, County Vice-Chair, Volusia County; George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County; Kurt Swartzlander, City Manager, Daytona Beach Shores; Mike Disher, Acting Town Manager, Ponce Inlet; Phyllis Butlien, Vice Mayor, DeBary; Glenn Irby, City Manager, Edgewater; Joe Forte, City Manager, Holly Hill; Lee Evett, City Administrator, Lake Helen; Kohn Evans, City Administrator, Oak Hill; Dale Arrington, City Manager, Orange City; Claire Whitley, Asst.City Manager, Ormond Beach; Wayne Clark, City Manager, Port Orange; Les Gillis, City Manager, South Daytona; Stacy Cantu, Commissioner, Daytona Beach.

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Roundtable Chair Nancy Miller welcomed those in attendance and following introductions of the attendees, led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **VOLUSIA COUNTY 2020-2022 CHP & FLAGLERCOUNTY and VOLUSIACOUNTY 2022 CHNA**

**Stephen A. Civitelli, Administrator/Health Officer, Florida Department of Health Volusia County**, reviewed the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHP). Mr. Civitelli provided a few highlights and achievements from the 2020-2022 CHP. He also shared the priorities of the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment and discussed the next steps.

**Ethan Johnson, Assistant Director of Community Health, Florida Department of Health Volusia County**, explained many of the outreach programs and events that were conducted throughout Volusia County 2020-2022. One of the things Mr. Johnson highlighted was that heart health, diabetes, and nutrition education was provided to over 1,000 individuals annually. He stated this was accomplished through the City of Daytona Beach Mayor's Fitness Challenge, the AdventHealth Heart to Heart Event and other community events. Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the other programs and events.

**Ida Babazadeh, Program Manager, AdventHealth**, explained how partnering with other community-based agencies helped with meeting the needs of the community for healthcare. Ms. Babazadeh explained how the Volusia Recovery Alliance (VRA) worked the Rockville Music Festival at Daytona International Speedway and provided 137 Narcan kits. She also spoke on other partnerships and the mobile unit that helps provide services to the community.

**Debbi McNabb, Community Benefits Director, AdventHealth**, spoke on the Community Health Needs Assessment Plan. Ms. McNabb stated there were five community leaders selected to serve as for Volusia/Flagler Counties. Ms. McNabb reviewed the list of partnerships. She noted that the three major priorities were: Behavioral Health Services, Economic and Social Barriers, and System Infrastructure.

Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach, asked for the group to have effective measures. Mayor Cleveland stated that the outreach programs worked very well and were a benefit to the community.

#### **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT TRAINING INITIATIVE - YETI**

**Robin King, CEO/President of CareerSource**, provided an overview of the program's services. Ms. King stated Barbara Girtman, Board Member of the Boys & Girls Club and CareerSource, was present at the meeting. Ms. King explained the benefits of the program were the reduction in arrests, arraignments, convictions, and incarcerations for the populations served. Ms. King reviewed the eligibility requirements for the program's participants. She stated that her office was seeking individuals who might want to help financially or by providing a worksite, or mentorship.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**John Booker, Government Affairs, Volusia County**, provided an overview of the bills before the state legislature. Mr. Booker stated the state legislators were attending their committee meetings this week, and the session is scheduled to begin March 7, 2023. He also provided an overview of the meetings he attended in Tallahassee last week with Jessica Fentress, Coastal Director, Volusia County.

#### **HURRICANE IAN RECOVERY UPDATE – County of Volusia**

**Benjamin Bartlett, Public Works Director, Volusia County**, provided an update on coastal damage and storm debris. Mr. Bartlett provided an update on the beach access areas that had reopened to the public since the hurricanes. Mr. Bartlett spoke on the sand recovery and renourishment for the coast. He stated that part of the \$37 million received from the governor last week will have to go toward a beach renourishment study.

**Suzanne Konchan, Deputy County Manager**, provided additional information of the beach renourishment and the timeline for the state funded study. Ms. Konchan stated that this was separate from the Army Corps of Engineers and the study they would be conducting. She also spoke on working with private property owners and municipalities for access to beachside easements once the beach renourishment and coastal recovery begins.

**Kevin Captain, Community Information Director, Volusia County**, explained the PIN page is where the most up-to-date information is available. Mr. Captain stated this is where citizens can find the most up-to-date information on which beach access ramps are open to the public. He also explained other communications such as social media, news releases, news conferences and more.

Mr. Captain reviewed the Disaster Housing information. He stated the final damage assessment was \$357,449,754 for Hurricane Ian and \$495,385,828 for Hurricane Nicole. He reviewed the number of individuals who sought assistance at the Disaster Recovery Center, as well as Transitional Sheltering Assistance, and provided dates for individual assistance and US Small Business Administration loans.

### **ROUND TABLE SUB-COMMITTEES/TASK FORCE**

Discussion ensued among the Round Table Committee Members as to the purpose of the task forces for the Nova Canal and Bridges during Disaster and the Transportation Infrastructure committee and who they would like to participate in them. The consensus was for the members to go back to their council/commission to discuss who would be their municipality's representative on the task forces or committee chosen.

The members are scheduled to report at the March 13, 2023, Round Table meeting which task force and committee their municipality will participate in and who will be the representative.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Round Table Chair Miller stated the next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2023. Chair Miller informed everyone the location for the next meeting was scheduled to be held at the Dennis McGee room at the Daytona Beach International Airport at 9 a.m.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

John Nicholson

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

**Stacy Cantu, Commissioner, City of Daytona Beach**, presented signage the City of Daytona Beach will be displaying at various locations throughout the city to deter panhandling. Commissioner Cantu also announced the upcoming Mayor's Gala benefiting First Step Shelter and informed everyone how they may purchase tickets to the event.

**Gary Blair, Mayor, City of Orange City**, announced former mayor Harley Strickland passed away last week and there will be a ceremony honoring him at a later date to be announced.

**Fred Cleveland, Mayor, City of New Smyrna Beach**, introduced Khalid Resheidat, City Manager, to speak on the workshop their city held for residents to discuss flooding. Mr. Resheidat provided an overview of the meeting and issues discussed. He stated the primary focus was on the homes that flooded during the storms.

**Don Burnette, Mayor, City of Port Orange**, announced newly elected Council Member Kat Atwood had to resign last week due to health reasons. Mayor Burnette stated there will be a special election in the summer for her seat.

**Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Town of Ponce Inlet**, thanked county staff for their work on coordinating and preparing the PowerPoint for the Round Table meeting.

**Danny Robins, Vice-Chair/Council Member, Volusia County**, stated the county is actively looking into the unincorporated areas and where the county can help more.

**George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County**, stated it would be helpful for cities to send their wants and needs to John Booker so he can take them to the state legislators. Mr. Recktenwald stated it would be in everyone's best interest to team together.

**Bill Partington, Mayor, City of Ormond Beach**, stated the positive working relationships between the county and municipalities will help in addressing the state legislature. Mayor Partington believes between this and what the area has suffered.

**Nancy Miller, Mayor, City of Daytona Beach Shores**, discussed an event she spoke at and shared the issues residents addressed.

**Chris Cloudman, Mayor, City of DeLand**, addressed the flooding issues in his area and stated he looks forward to working with the cities and county to help develop long-term solutions to this issue.

**Santiago Avila, Jr., Mayor, City of Deltona**, announced Deltona will be hosting a Community Resource Fair.

**Bill Hall, Mayor, City of South Daytona Beach**, informed everyone he has requested Senator Wright's office to sponsor a bill that would include Code Enforcement Officers in addition to other first responders when it comes to being assaulted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Herzberg adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.