



Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials MEETING MINUTES June 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER - 12 p.m.

Dennis McGee Room of Daytona Beach International Airport, 800 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Chairman Bob Apgar, DeLand Mayor; Vice-Chairman John Penny, Holly Hill Mayor; Volusia County Chair Jason Davis; New Smyrna Beach Mayor Jim Hathaway; Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley; Pierson Mayor James Sowell; Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk; Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka; Ponce Inlet Council Member Lois Paritsky; Daytona Beach City Commissioner Pam Woods; Oak Hill Mayor Douglas Gibson; Port Orange Mayor Allen Green; Lake Helen Vice-Mayor Vernon Burton; Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Harry Jennings; and Volusia County School Board Chair Ida Wright.

Others attending included Ted MacLeod, Ormond Beach Assistant City Manager; Tom Russell, Volusia County Schools Superintendent; Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Intergovernmental Coordinator; Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations; Cindy Finney, County Manager's Office; and Jeff Crumbley, Volusia County Community Information Division. Taking minutes was Debbie Kelley with the County Manager's Office.

WELCOME

Roundtable Chair Bob Apgar welcomed those attending. Everyone introduced themselves, then stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Beach Driving: No report.

Homelessness: Daytona Beach City Commissioner and Homelessness Subcommittee Chair Pam Woods spoke about the Bridge to Bed Program, the Homeless Planning Team, and the Salvation Army. It was difficult for homeless individuals to access medical services. The City of Daytona Beach was working on the chronic street homelessness problem and linking people with services. Operating costs were the most difficult to obtain. She was gathering information on the costs to present at the next Roundtable meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Roundtable Chair Apgar gave updates on the latest Commission on Homelessness stakeholder meeting and the City of DeLand homelessness workshop. The

Neighborhood Center in DeLand planned to expand its facility and its services for the homeless. Family Renew was adding additional beds to its west side facility.

Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka said he had toured the Chapman Partnership Center (CPC) in Miami with the Volusia County F.A.I.T.H. group and had been impressed by the facility. The CPC had opened in 1992 for adult men who were chronically homeless, but now assisted families as well. Children had an opportunity to be involved in the Child Education Program, which helped provide education and involvement with area athletic teams. A liquor tax had been created to fund the CPC.

County Chair Jason Davis said the County already had invested several million dollars in homeless programs, and noted the various homeless shelters and other programs that had received assistance. He believed additional methods were needed to address chronic homelessness and homeless persons with medical issues.

In response to a question from New Smyrna Beach Mayor Jim Hathaway regarding the percentage of ad valorem tax dollars spent on homelessness versus Federal and State funding, Mr. Davis said he would obtain the information.

Transportation: Transportation Subcommittee Chair and Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk, said no meetings had been held.

Water: Water Subcommittee Chair and Port Orange Mayor Allen Green said the need for support from government agencies had been discussed at the last meeting. Some laws needed to be changed, especially ones pertaining to septic tanks. This issue would take time to resolve.

Mr. Davis said the proposed Volusia Governments Water Resources Compact would be discussed at the next County Council meeting.

DISCUSSION

Chair Apgar said no Roundtable meeting would be held in July. He asked the members to be prepared to suggest other issues of mutual concern for the group to discuss at the August meeting.

Mr. Davis suggested changing the Roundtable meeting schedule to every other month. Chair Apgar said changes to the meeting schedule would be discussed at an upcoming Roundtable meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Pastore said he was concerned with how the City of Daytona Beach was addressing the homeless situation. He spoke about the Bridge to Bed Program and the need for funding for the Salvation Army. Discussion ensued between Chair Apgar, Ms. Woods, Mr. Green, Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley and Mr. Pastore.

Big John requested clarification regarding whether the Roundtable meetings were subject to the State Sunshine Law, and also asked about letters sent by the City of Daytona Beach to other municipalities and the County. Further discussion ensued.

Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Intergovernmental Coordinator, said the SJRWMD governing board would be considering funding for various water projects.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Hathaway thanked Ms. Christman for attending the Roundtable meeting and said the City of New Smyrna Beach might be one of the cities that would receive funding.

Holly Hill Mayor John Penny said the city wanted to be part of the solution to the homeless situation. Holly Hill would be addressing the proposed Volusia Governments Water Resources Compact at an upcoming meeting. He suggested researching and discussing drones, an issue that had been brought to his attention by Holly Hill residents.

Ponce Inlet Council Member Lois Paritsky said she was very interested in researching drones and wanted to further explore the issue.

Volusia County School Board Chair Ida Wright said she supported the Hope Place homeless program that was planned for the former Hurst Elementary School in Daytona Beach. It would provide a safe living environment for children and families.

Mr. Masiarczyk thanked Ms. Christman for attending the meeting and for the funding that the SJRWMD was making available. He noted that a drop box had been installed at Veterans Park in Deltona so citizens could properly retire American flags.

Lake Helen Vice-Mayor Vernon Burton read aloud a proclamation for Juneteenth that had been approved by the Lake Helen City Commission.

Mr. Davis said the City of Daytona Beach was celebrating Juneteenth on Saturday, June 18, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.