



Round Table of Volusia County Elected Officials MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER - 12 p.m.

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

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: DeLand Mayor and Roundtable Chair Bob Apgar; Port Orange Mayor Allen Green; Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Harry Jennings; South Daytona Mayor George F. Locke, III; New Smyrna Beach Mayor James 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; Edgewater Mayor Michael Ignasiak; DeBary Interim Mayor Lita Handy-Peters.

Others attending included Brad Blais, Quentin L. Hampton Associates; James Dinneen, Volusia County Manager; George Recktenwald, Volusia County Deputy County Manager; Deborah Denys, Volusia County Council Member; Joe Forte, Holly Hill City Manager; Michael Johansson, Port Orange City Manager; Khalid Resheidat, New Smyrna Beach Assistant City Manager; Ted MacLeod, Ormond Beach Assistant City Manager; Heidi Herzberg, Deltona City Commissioner; Tom Russell, Volusia County School Board Superintendent; Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District Intergovernmental Coordinator; Ann Benedetti, St. Johns River Water Management District Intergovernmental Coordinator; Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations; Keith Norden, Team Volusia Economic Development Corporation President and CEO; Cindy Finney, County Manager's Office; and Jeff Crumbley, Volusia County Community Information. Taking minutes was Debbie Kelley with the County Manager's Office.

WELCOME

Roundtable Chair Bob Apgar welcomed those attending. Everyone introduced themselves.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Homelessness: Homelessness Subcommittee Chair and Daytona Beach City Commissioner Pam Woods said the subcommittee did not meet. However, the Public Awareness Campaign, a subcommittee of the group, had met Friday and was moving forward with creating branding and logos. Area professionals had donated their time to help the project get started.

Chair Apgar spoke about the DeLand Plan for homelessness, noting that DeLand City Manager Michael Pleus had developed a draft of the plan that was being reviewed before it was submitted to the County for funding assistance. Last week, he had met with local pastors from the DeLand area to ask for assistance. Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka was working with the faith-based community in the Orange City area.

Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley said his city had included \$100,000 in its upcoming budget to combat homelessness. He thanked Ms. Woods for her hard work.

Transportation Subcommittee: Transportation Subcommittee Chair and Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk said no meetings had been held. He spoke about the County's upcoming payment for the SunRail system.

Chair Apgar said Volusia County Deputy Manager George Recktenwald was scheduled to make a presentation at the October Roundtable meeting on the County's go to zero in the General Fund plan as well transportation issues.

Water Subcommittee: Water Subcommittee Chair and Port Orange Mayor Allen introduced Brad Blais with Quentin L. Hampton Associates to speak about the City of Port Orange's Reclaimed Reservoir Water Outfall Project.

Mr. Blais said the project had started more than 20 years ago. The Port Orange facility was a 175-acre reservoir designed to furnish seasonal storage during the wet season and provide water during the dry season. A video on the project was shown.

Deltona City Commissioner Heidi Herzberg spoke about the Volusia Water Resources Compact, noting 10 cities had adopted the Compact, and the next Compact meeting would include Stetson University. There was a lengthy discussion between Ms. Herzberg and several Roundtable members about various issues pertaining to the Compact and Amendment One funding.

Nancy Christman, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) Intergovernmental Coordinator, spoke about various SJRWMD programs, including the cost sharing program.

New Smyrna Beach Mayor James Hathaway spoke about the funding the City had received from the SJRWMD and his concerns about Turnbull Bay.

Beach Driving Subcommittee: No report until further notice.

REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS BY CHAIRMAN APGAR

Chair Apgar said he had met with Keith Norden with Team Volusia, Kent Sharples with the CEO Business Alliance and Volusia County Aviation and Economic Resources Department Director Rick Karl regarding economic development, infrastructure, business retention, product development and more. He suggested inviting them to the November Roundtable meeting to speak about these issues. He

also suggested inviting newly elected County and city officials to the November meeting.

UPDATE ON DRONES

Chair Apgar said he had received a letter from Deputy Volusia County Attorney Jamie Seaman regarding the authority of local governments to regulate drone operations in their districts. The letter and a handout from the Federal Aviation Authority regarding state and local regulation of drones had been provided to Roundtable members. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jim Cameron, Daytona Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice-President of Government Relations, said the Volusia legislative delegation was scheduled to meet at the end of November or the beginning of December. Volusia Days was scheduled for March 21-22, 2017, in Tallahassee.

Big John spoke about the homelessness issue, and complimented Volusia County Manager James Dinneen on changing the name of the Volusia Room at Daytona Beach International Airport to the Dennis R. McGee Room.

Volusia County Council Member Deborah Denys spoke about the County's actions regarding SunRail, the County's budget, water quality, the Indian River Lagoon Council, the Brevard County Save Our Lagoon Project Plan report, and the matching grant program proposed for local communities that were surrounded by water bodies affected by algae blooms.

Tom Russell, Volusia County School Board Superintendent, spoke about chronic student absenteeism and provided a handout on school attendance.

Mike Pastore, a homeless advocate, spoke about homelessness conditions, Safe Zones, dysfunction in the Daytona Beach area, and the availability of more beds in DeLand for the homeless in the near future.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Several Roundtable members spoke about the members who would be leaving the group, said they would be missed and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Kelley reminded the group of the upcoming League of Cities meeting scheduled for September 22 in Ormond Beach.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.