

MINUTES OF MEETING

SAINT JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE

February 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Lofgren at 9:00 AM who then led in the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the January 14 meeting were approved as presented.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$2234.69 with four new memberships received today.

President Lofgren introduced the guest speaker Kathy Brown, Executive Director of The Saint Johns County Council on Aging.

Kathy discussed the status of the aging population in Saint Johns County. She highlighted that 23% of the county residents were 60 years or older while only 13% were under the age of 18. she emphasized that the aging of the population would continue. She said the county needed to prepare for this aging population. Kathy said that we all needed to deal with the wisdom that comes with age. The Council on Aging is celebrating it's 40th year in Saint Johns County. The county administration has been very generous to the Council in helping to match government grants. The main responsibility of the Council is to facilitate care of our elderly citizens. The Council is embarking on a new program to assist elderly persons with dementia. It is establishing Memory Enhancement Centers throughout the county to provide a day care location for seniors with dementia disorders . There are currently one at The Shores United Methodist Church and one at The Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra. The Council also has Sunshine Centers where the elderly come for lunch and programs on a daily basis. The Council also sponsors Coastal Home Care, an organization that provides home care at a reasonable cost to seniors needing it. Kathy also discussed the Sunshine Bus Company, an award winning operation for both the elderly and non-elderly in Saint Johns County. Kathy stated that she will be retiring this June as the Executive Director.

Other business

1. Pierre Price reported on the program at GTM/NEER to develop

oyster beds in the intercoastal waterway (see attachment). He said there is a need for volunteers on Saturday, February 23 to help place oyster shells in the river. Contact Lauren Flynn at 823-4500.

2. Jerry Cameron, Assistant County Manager, stated the the next budgeting process will be beginning soon. He emphasized that county revenues will continue to be reduced even though the economy is improving. There was some discussion as to the new county health facility which is planned to be in the administration complex. Jerry stated that studies had been done regarding the use of existing facilities and that the proposed complex was the best choice.
3. Sarah Bailey requested that we bring a representative of JEA to a future meeting to discuss their plans for northern Saint Johns County.
4. It was moved, seconded and approved for the Civic Roundtable to make a \$350.00 donation to The Council on Aging in behalf of the retirement of Kathy Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Ed Olsen
secretary