

ST. JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Lofgren at 9:00 am.

The minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting were accepted as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2112.67 with 10 paid members. Renewal notices were passed around to the members present.

President Lofgren then announced that we would have a general roundtable discussion. The discussion went as follows:

1. Jim Walters - Commodores Club – There were three issues
 - a. There was considerable noise and dust in connection with a construction project adjacent to the Club (Mizell Rd and 16th St.)
 - b. There is a problem with thefts from cars in the neighborhood
 - c. They have continued problems with people speeding through the neighborhood.
 1. Mr. Denver Cook – Palencia - Denver announced that Palencia elementary school would hold a STEM fair on the coming Saturday from 8:00 am until noon.
 2. Jim McLane – Willow Walk - Jim stated that there is a continuing problem with thefts from parked cars in the neighborhood. He also presented information regarding water usage in the Saint Johns River watershed.
 3. Linda Oakley – Marsh Creek - Linda stated that there was a lot going on in Marsh Creek
 4. Cyndi Stevenson , County Commissioner - Cyndi spoke on the Path Forward 2040 plan being developed by the Northeast Florida T.P.O. And her concern about a proposed road which would cross Twelve Mile Swamp. She urged the members to get involved with public comment regarding this proposed road as it would pass through a conservation area.
 5. Sarah Bailey - Julington Creek area - Sarah stated her concerns regarding water supply in her area that is controlled by Jacksonville Electric Authority. She also expressed concerns about the proposed road through Twelve Mile Swamp.
 6. Carl Blessing – Ponte Vedra Beach - Carl stated that there was a very successful week with the TPC golf tournament this year. He also stated that they are having problems with thefts from parked cars.
 7. Jay Morris – County Commissioner - Jay reported that the county had a very

good reception at the TPC on Thursday evening. He spoke of testimonials given by principals of recently started enterprises in the county. He stated that the Saint Augustine Amphitheater is doing well with 65% of its revenue coming from outside of St. Johns County and a benefit /cost ratio of 2:1.

8. Bill McCormick – Bill brought up the County Golf course and the proposed improvements. Discussion followed regarding the golf course. Bill also asked the county's position regarding beach driving at Matanzas point. Commissioner Stevenson stated that the county position was to revert back to the situation in place before the federal ban on driving in that area.
9. Mr. Bolgrano – Palm Valley There will be a farmers market in the Palm Valley area on Tuesdays from 3:00-7:30 pm on Canal Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Olsen

Secretary