

St Johns Civic Association Roundtable November 11, 2019

Minutes Submitted by Lisa McGlynn

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tony Bosco Move to accept minutes. Minutes accepted.

Treasures report: Lisa McGreevy McGlynn reported that there is a \$181.22 bank balance. It was also announced that invoicing was going to be on a calendar year basis and that invoices would be going out in December for 2020.

Jane West, Esq, the Planning and Policy Director for 1000 Friends of Florida was introduced as the speaker. Her topic is: What is on the Horizon for the upcoming legislative session.

Jane introduced herself “ in a completely new capacity” as she is now the policy and planning director for 1000 Friends of Florida, a statewide watchdog group for growth management throughout the state. Nonpartisan. Issues help all Floridians.

She expressed deep rooted concerns about this county’s future growth. 1000 Friends 3 priorities

#### 1. Full repeal of 7103

- Attorney’s fees for anyone who challenges a development order. If they lost, they would have to pay the developers fees.
- Violates Florida constitution because it contains many subjects. Never vetted through any committee.
- Have two sponsors. South Florida Democrats Will be a longshot. Need North Florida Republicans

#### 2. Full Funding of Florida Forever

- More support for this constitutional amendment than any other amendment.
- Buy up land to protect.

- 9 years ago, \$600 million under Jeb Bush. Used to be funded through doc stamp. Funding has been zero, last session. Senator Bradley kicked up to \$33 million.
- Diversion of those funds to things that have nothing to do with land acquisition.

3. Ensure that state water quality and quantity are preserved.

- Red tide, Blue green algae outbreaks along St. Johns River.
- Governor Desantis -- strong start
- Noah Valenstein is truly listening and making the right decisions for water quality. There were some good bills, but they died in the legislature. Lots of groups are working together on these issues.
- Water quantity. Water management districts are issuing lots of use permits. Aquifer being tapped like Nestle and not paying for it. Bi partisan issue.
- Water wars with Georgia. Limiting factor on growth in florida. ROGO Monroe County. Can't issue anymore building permits. Need to be cognizant that there are limiting factors.
- Don't require St Augustine turf grass. It is a water hog.

Q. Are there any other statewide advocacy groups working with 1000 Friends on repeal?

- Yes. Florida Conservation Voters call – all are on board.
- Also applies to local governments. If county loses Kings Grant, they will have to pay all back fees and those go back at least 5 years.
- Pennsylvania similar, but not with local governments and not retroactive.

Bill Review:

Senate Bill 40 food service can't use single use plastics, local governments don't like the state telling them what to do.

Senate bill 76: more transit for disadvantaged communities

SJR 142 abolishing constitution revision commission-- not a good solution

S 144 Energy Task Force Assessment to determine Florida Energy needs  
S150 disclosure requirement for any real estate broker on septic systems  
S162 public records bill. Give agency discretion on public records--don't pull back on the great access  
172 Bradley preempts Florida cosmetics sunscreen Monroe county  
176 single subject on constitutional revisions  
178 public financing of construction projects. Sea level impact study required before construction  
182 Preemption local government full control on regulation of plastics  
250 full repeal of 7103 Berman of south Florida  
256 renewable energy power generation renewable by 2050  
Climate health planning and fiscal responsibility bills  
286 Tax credit for farming  
318 Sale of sunscreen prohibit sale of sunscreen without a prescription  
326 Perry Environmental regulation but stuff gets tacked on  
332 land acquisition trust fund 100 million Linda Stuart  
386 Bradley Water management district boundaries based on political instead of watershed boundaries  
410 Growth Management Parry Comp plans consider rights of property owners -- we already have the Bert Harris act and constitution on inverse takings. What about the adjacent owner?  
438 Land acquisition Indian River lagoon funding.  
Jane was thanked for her very informative and interesting presentation.

Chairman Bosco turned to the Business portion of the agenda.  
He called on Bill McCormick to make the report of the Nominating Committee.

Bill reported that he and Doug Worth (the Committee) had solicited the membership for interest in serving on the Board. He also reported that nominations were advertised several times in the Roundtable newsletter.

He reported that the Nominations Committee slate being presented is:

Jim McLane, Chairman

Lisa McGreevy McGlynn, Vice Chairman and Treasurer

Maureen Long, Secretary  
Robert Olsen, Member At Large

Nominations from the floor were solicited.

Being that there were no nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the slate as presented by the Nominations Committee.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Tony Bosco was thanked for his many years of service and presented with two books on the history of St. Johns County.

Tony passed the gavel to Jim McLane:

Jim asked for speaker suggestions:

Get Jane back

County commissioners

Janet Stanko  
Victor Raymos  
Henry Dean

Superintendent of Schools Cydie Stevenson

Kelly Berrea District 4 school Board

Bill Lazaare Homeless

Speakers and issues should be issues that we have something to do with Tim foreson  
Superintendent of Schools

Jim McCarthy North Florida Land Trust

Sheriff and Fire Chief First Responders -- put the two on the same program Dennis  
Hollingsworth --Runs a good organization cover very competent

Discussion about soliciting people from the northwest part of the county: Northwest  
trouble makers disappeared. Ask Ellen now they are in trouble.

We realize it is beyond the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. District two and three I 95 corridor. Precedents that  
have been sent.

Ellen Witmere from Fruit Cove JEA utilities

Bartram trail library County annex

International Golf Village Meeting Ask people. What can you do to make a difference in your community?

Government Affairs Report was give by Janet Patten

- 15 million surplus County went for the big projects
- Janet spoke on behalf of the Roundtable on the LAMP program. Fix was in for the big projects Micklers landing beach front
- Kings Grant lawsuit attorney's were authorized to move forward
- St Augustine beach trash removal is increasing
- Shands bridge replacement will begin in 2022, a year earlier. 1<sup>st</sup> coast expressway
- Janet made a presentation of a proposed Roundtable legislative agenda for 2020 (see attached)  
A motion was made to adopt the Agenda. It was seconded and passed. Janet will present to the Legislative Delegation meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ed Olsen: 15 million surplus now, but we were told doom and gloom

Jim proposed the following resolution: The St Johns Civic Association Roundtable urges the County Commission to take into account the following when making appointments to the PZB.

1. There are a large number of very qualified applicants for seats on the Planning and Zoning Board. We support and encourage active citizen engagement and therefore urge you to look at these candidates and not just reappoint people who have already served. Appointments to the County Boards and Commissions should involve the greatest number of our citizens.

2. We urge you to seek diversity in the composition of the PZB. For example, there are several women who have applied and are clearly qualified. We believe it is time to appoint a more representative board and urge you to appoint a woman.

The Resolution was adopted and directed to be sent to the County Commissioners.

During the open discussion it was brought up that the Neighborhood Bill of Rights should be looked at and determine if there are changes needed.

For instance, was the solicitation of candidates for the Planning and Zoning Board sent out under this mechanism.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

The next meeting is December 09.