

# ST JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

August 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Lofgren at 9:00am. The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as read. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$548.43.

President Lofgren introduced our guest speaker Dr. Bernard Grossman. Dr. Grossman is professor emeritus and former professor and department chair of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering at Virginia Tech. Prior to his academic career, he worked for Grumman Aerospace at the time the Apollo Lunar Module was being designed and developed. Bernard still teaches part-time at the University of Florida and The University of North Florida.

Because of the limited time, Dr. Grossman focused on three future technology areas: A.I. (artificial intelligence), driverless cars, and robotics.

Please refer to the slides Bernard provided for the details of his presentation. Several videos illustrating the coming technology were also shown. In the future we should let speakers know that an HDMI connection is required to make use of our "in house" audio/visual equipment. Dr. Grossman fortunately was able to use

other equipment to show his visuals. As a consequence we had to turn down the room lighting and not use the microphone. This made some of us strain to hear the speaker.

Linda Oakley presented a comprehensive review of a recent report by Dr. Nicholas on Impact Fees. Linda's review has been prepared for submission to the Board of County Commissioners. Please take the time to review the documents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Froio, Secretary