

MINUTES OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BOULEVARD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS GRANT WORKSHOP BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD AT THE WASHINGTON IMPROVEMENT GROUP BUILDING FEBRUARY 26, 2013, AT 6:10 P.M.

This was a Public Meeting advertised by the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency for the purpose of sharing with the community about the Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard Sidewalk Improvement Grant. The Meeting was advertised so that the Mayor and Commissioners could attend without creating a Sunshine Law violation. There was no quorum of City Commissioners for the Meeting.

The following were present: Mayor Magidson and Commissioner Patterson. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce and Public Works Director John Grantland were also present. Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan, Kennedy and City Attorney Tom Gibson were absent.

Gail Alsobrook, Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency (PSJRA), welcomed those attending. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a prayer was given by Mayor Magidson.

Ms. Alsobrook thanked Clay Smallwood of Preble Rish Engineering and Gulf County Commissioner Tan Smiley for their assistance with the project. She noted that this project is a collaboration with the City of Port St. Joe. Funding consist of \$200,000 from the USDA and \$10,000 will be provided by the PSJRA.

The purpose of the grant will be to fund infrastructure for storm water runoff, provide sidewalks and parking for Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard from Avenues A to D. The businesses at the time of the USDA RBEG Grant Application were B & C Autonet, TEW Video, Korner Stop & Go, Precious Moments, Nana's Treats, and Driesbach Cleaners. Emerging businesses were C & L Cleaners, Vision Building, and Byrd House Restaurant.

Clay Smallwood noted that ADA routes will be provided, the grant will improve storm water runoff, allow for green space and crosswalks at the intersections. He anticipates an April bid date for the project. Mr. Smallwood also shared that there is a possibility the CDBG Grant for the North Port St. Joe Water System Improvements will be done at the same time to eliminate damaging work done by this project.

Several citizens asked questions about the project.


Commissioner Patterson noted that any project takes time; that the goal is to make this area the best it can be and he encouraged citizens to call if with any problems related to the project.

Mayor Magidson reminded those present of the 100th Birthday Celebration for the City and asked them to share any photos they may have.

The workshop was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Approved this 5th day of March 2013.


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk


Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor