

MINUTES OF THE WATER FRONT PARK WORKSHOP BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, January 15, 2013, AT 5:00 P.M.

The following were present: Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan, Patterson and Kennedy. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce and Attorney Tom Gibson were also present. Mayor Magidson was absent due to the death of his father. Mayor Pro tem Buzzett chaired the workshop.

The conceptual drawing of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency's Bay Park Master Plan, "Bay Park: Gateway to the Bay" was presented by the AVI Collaborative. Executive Director of the PSJRA, Gail Alsobrook welcomed those present and provided information on the project. Presenters were Erin Searcy, Gena Johnson, Eric Davidson and Mark Hawley.

Funding for the Conceptual Plan has been provided by a Coast Partnership Initiative Grant in the amount of \$15,000 and a match of \$15,000 from the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency. Development of the Bay Park would include: Connecting the Community to the Bay; Connecting the Downtown area to Bay Park; Relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse structures to Bay Park; Mitigation / Redevelopment of dead-beach area adjacent to the Marina and Celebrate the natural success at the TDC Pond. This facility is projected to also include a water recreation attraction, Coastal Ecology Resource Center and the lighthouse complex.

Mayor Pro tem Buzzett expressed his appreciation to the group for their work on the project.

Commissioner McCroan suggested that local residents, with knowledge of the area, be included in this project.

Christy McElroy stated that she did not want a Disney setting, felt the ship was overkill, questioned the traffic flow / parking area for the project and the need to keep the natural elements. It was pointed out by Eric Davidson that there is existing parking and the opportunity to add more as needed.

Tom Gibson noted that parking in the Marina Cove area could not be considered in the parking matrix.

Julia Cunningham, Betty McNeill and Patricia Hardman, Cape San Blas and Indian Pass residents, voiced their objections to the Cape San Blas Lighthouse being relocated to Port St. Joe.

Mayor Pro tem Buzzett clarified that the County does not do maintenance for the City, the City maintains everything in the City.

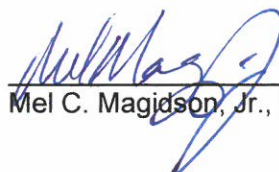
Charlotte Pierce, President of the St. Joseph Historical Society, addressed the objections presented by Ms. Cunningham, Ms. McNeill and Ms. Hardman; clarified the involvement of the Society with the Cape San Blas Lighthouse Complex and corrected inaccurate information that is being presented in the Coastal Community Association of South Gulf County's protest letter.

Mayor Pro tem Buzzett thanked those attending, noted that this is the first of many workshops to be held on the project and that concerns of the Commissioners would be reviewed.

Mayor Pro tem Buzzett adjourned the Meeting at 5:55 P.M.

Approved this 5th day of February 2013.


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk


Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor