

## RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Act Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 20, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.  
Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building  
BCC Meeting Room, First Floor  
221 Palafox Place  
Pensacola, FL 32505

### Members Present:

Alan McMillan, Vice-Chair	District 1/Commissioner Wilson B. Robertson
Donnie McMahon	District 2/Commissioner Gene M. Valentino
Al Coby	District 3/Commissioner Lumon J. May
Tammy Bohannon	District 4/Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV
Christian Wagley	Environmental Advocacy Group
Harlan Butler	At-large Citizen
Michelle Inere	At-large Citizen

### Members Absent:

Bentina Terry, Chairperson	City of Pensacola
Gregg Beck	District 5/Commissioner Steven L. Barry

### County Staff in Attendance:

George Touart, County Administrator  
Keith Wilkins, Director, Community & Environment Department  
David Musselwhite, Director, Information Technology Department  
Ryan Ross, Assistant County Attorney  
Kathleen Dough-Castro, Manager, Public Information Office (PIO)  
Carolyn Barbour, Administrative Assistant, Community Redevelopment Agency

1. May 20, 2013 meeting called to order at 4:08 p.m.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on May 11 and May 18, 2013.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. **Motion was made by Tammy Bohannon to approve the May 06, 2013 minutes. Harlan Butler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Wilkins discussed his recent meeting of the Gulf Coast Consortium in Key Largo. Some of the topics from the meeting were: standardizing the procurement process, NWF funding from the criminal fines which may be available before RESTORE funds are distributed, whether treasury regulations will apply to NWF funds, and the possible formation of a multi-state Gulf-wide consortium of local governments from the states involved. The civil damages trial is on-going but settlement talks seem to have broken down. Dollars could be shifted depending on what settlements are made.

The Vice-Chair discussed that absences can be excused and requested that the Committee consider excusing the Chair's absence from tonight's meeting. The motion was made by Michelle Inere and seconded by Alvin Coby. The vote was unanimous.

5. Pensacola Beach Chamber and Pensacola Beach Advocates Joint Presentation

Beverly Campbell from the Pensacola Beach Chamber introduced Jim Cox of Pensacola Beach Advocates, a group of leaseholder/residents from Pensacola Beach. The Pensacola Beach Chamber and Pensacola Beach Advocates have met jointly to gather criteria that they would like to present to the Committee. Mr. Cox gave a Power point presentation outlining their suggestions. General Criteria were given for all three categories. The group feels that each should be given numeric value in order to have more subjective rankings. Suggestions were also given for Economic Criteria. Long term job creation and ROI were other suggestions.

6. Gulf Coast African American Chamber Presentation – Admiral Leroy, Executive Director

Mr. Leroy presented input on criteria for both Environment and Economic Development. A strategy was suggested that would address forgotten neighborhoods while providing meaningful employment and improving environmental conditions. With regard to economic development, the GCAAC feels that more marketing should be promoted to African American visitors to establish both tourist destinations and regional convention sites. It was suggested that economic development projects should provide diversity and inclusion of minority businesses, include the African American community, and foster economic parity.

7. Diversity Program Advisors – Presentation by George Hawthorne

Mr. Hawthorne shared statistics regarding the myths and stereotypes about poverty in Escambia County. He related that ours is not a racial problem, but a poverty problem. He suggested that for transformation change to take place four things should be considered: crime, poverty, health, and education. His position is that RESTORE projects should include the disenfranchised, disadvantaged, poorer, and underserved communities in Escambia County.

8. Bylaws

At this time there was a discussion about the bylaws and how they relate to the resolution. The bylaws have been discussed at every meeting and the process for adoption is not clear. Ryan Ross from the County Attorney's office related that the bylaws before them are a starting place and that the Committee can make changes as needed before adoption. It was decided that the June 17, 2013 meeting will be a workshop to finalize the bylaws. The Committee will study the bylaws and the next meeting will be dedicated to finalizing the bylaws.

9. Old Business

The Guidance for Presentations was discussed. This document was endorsed by the Committee in order to make presentations more uniform and encourage presenters to avoid "marketing" when speaking of their projects.

10. New Business

This was incorporated into items 4 and 8 above (scheduling of June 3 Gulf Council Meeting and update on Key Largo Meeting by Keith Wilson.)

11. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes each)

Bill Young, 1812 E. Desoto Street, Pensacola, FL  
Tony McCray, Jr., 1402 E. Leonard Street, Pensacola, FL  
Peggy Higdon Mathews, Tallahassee, FL

12. Bill Williams and Commissioner Grover Robinson

The Vice Chair invited Mr. Bill Williams to speak. Mr. Williams gave a short presentation to update the Committee on the status of the State of Florida legislature as it pertains to RESTORE. He discussed the Triumph legislation and the fact that it will not impact local funds.

Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson was then invited to speak to the group. He spoke about the Gulf Council meeting scheduled for June 3, 2013 and how this will impact the distribution of funds. He encouraged the committee to attend and speak to this at the meeting. He also advised the Committee to take their time for planning.

Mr. Wilkins then shared the format for the Gulf Council session to be held on June 3.

13. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.