

RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Advisory Committee Meeting
April 7, 2014 – 4:00 pm
Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building
BCC Meeting Room, First Floor
221 Palafox Place
Pensacola, FL 32502

Members Present:

Bentina Terry, Chairperson	City of Pensacola
Alan McMillan, Vice-Chair	District 1/Commissioner Wilson B. Robertson
Donnie McMahan	District 2/Commissioner Gene M. Valentino
Tammy Bohannon	District 4/Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV
Al Coby	District 3/Commissioner Lumon J. May
Gregg Beck	District 5/Commissioner Steven L. Barry
Christian Wagley	Environmental Advocacy Group
Michelle Inere	At-large Citizen

Members Absent:

Harlan Butler	At-large Citizen
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County Staff in Attendance:

Keith Wilkins, Director, Community & Environment Department
Robert Turpin, Division Manager, Marine Resources
Felicia Knight-Marlow, Directors Aide, Community & Environment Department
Victoria D'Angelo, Student Assistant, Community & Environment Department
Ryan Ross, Assistant County Attorney
Brandi Ziglar, Public Information Specialist, Public Information Office (PIO)
Sarah Rachfal, Public Information Specialist, Public Information Office (PIO)

1. April 7, 2014 meeting called to order at 4:05 pm.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on April 5, 2014.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Al Coby to approve the March 3, 2014 minutes. Alan McMillan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Review of Suggested Criteria – Economic Challenges

Guest speaker, Dr. Brice Harris, Ph.D., Co-Director of the Haas Center at the University of West Florida (UWF), presented a summary of economic development presentations which had been presented by local industry professionals during the Committee's 2013 to 2014 public input period. The summary included presentations by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Dr. Rick Harper, Ph.D. (UWF), Dr. Ramie Gougeon (UWF), Dr. Brice Harris, Ph.D. (UWF), Visit Pensacola, Tourism Administration and Convention Committee- Budget Subcommittee, Dr. Lanza, MD (Florida Department of Health, Escambia County), Workforce Development Committee- Scott Luth (Greater Pensacola Chamber), Jennifer McFarren (GPC), Rod Lewis (UWF) and Susan Nelms (Workforce Escarosa), Center for Independent Living and Diversity Program Advisors.

Dr. Harris, Jennifer McFarren and Scott Luth, Greater Pensacola Chamber, and Jennifer Grove, Gulf Power Company, presented their analyses of the summarized presentations as they relate to current economic challenges, and trends in Escambia County.

6. Old Business

a. Discussion to Modify the Proposed Amendment to Resolution R2013-5

Keith Wilkins revisited the revisions to Resolution R2013-5 which had been approved by the Committee on August 19, 2013 for approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Ryan Ross, Assistant County Attorney, explained that the Committee needed to make a motion to recommend that the BCC adopt the proposed revisions to Resolution R2013-5.

Public comment was accepted. Speakers included:

Jessica Koelsch, National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Pensacola, FL

Motion was made by Chairwoman Terry to recommend that the BCC:

A) Amend Resolution 2013-5 with the following revisions:

- Section 3, Part A: Modify the language to state, "The Committee shall recommend a plan adhering to the federal RESTORE Act, and implementing regulations, taking public input into consideration, that sets forth the final goals for the community's use of the subject RESTORE funds"
- Section 3, Part B: Remove the categories, "economic development and job creation, environmental, and infrastructure" and replace with the categories contained within the RESTORE Act under "Eligible Activities".
- Section 3, Part B: Remove the statement, "Projects with a total estimated cost lower than \$500,000.00 will not be considered for funding using RESTORE Act funds"
- Section 3, Part C: Modify the language to state: "The Committee shall establish ranking criteria for its review of project proposals. The Board of County Commissioners shall review and approve the ranking criteria developed by the Committee prior to the ranking of project proposals."

B) Clarify the intent of Section 4 within Resolution 2013-5 which states:

"A committee member may not be employed by or be a member of any organization that requests funding from, or that will be making recommendations to, the committee."

Al Coby seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Update on Request for Proposals (RFP)

Mr. Wilkins stated that proposals are due April 16, 2014 at 2:00 pm. He announced that the Selection Committee would include Larry Newson, Interim County Administrator, Colleen Casteel, City Administrator, and Keith Wilkins, Escambia County Community and Environment Department.

Mr. Wilkins announced the anticipated schedule, following the close of the proposal deadline:

- Selection Committee Review of Proposal Submissions: April 30, 2014
- Firm Selection (Advertised Public Meeting): May 14, 2014
- Negotiations with Selected Firm: June 4, 2014
- Recommendation to the BCC for Approval: June 26, 2014

Chairwoman Terry requested that the Committee provide input on the Selection Committee's recommendations at the following meeting on May 5, 2014.

c. Update on Public Workshops

Mr. Wilkins announced the schedule of Public Workshops on the RESTORE Act which are scheduled to be held within each of the Commissioner's Districts. The public workshops schedule is as follows:

- District 1, Commissioner Wilson B. Robinson- Tuesday, May 27, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Charity Chapel located at 5820 Montgomery Avenue, Pensacola, Florida 32526
- District 2, Commissioner Gene M. Valentino- Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Perdido Key Fire Station and Community Center located at 15500 Perdido Key Drive, Pensacola, Florida 32507
- District 3, Commissioner Lumon J. May- Monday, May 19, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Global Learning Academy located at 100 North "P" Street, Pensacola, Florida 32505
- District 4, Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV- Monday, April 28, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church located at 920 Panferio Drive, Pensacola Beach, Florida 32561
- District 5, Commissioner Steven L. Barry- To be determined. Anticipated to be held July 2014 at the Molino Community Center, 6450 Highway 95A North, Molino, Florida 32577

7. New Business – None.

9. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes) – None

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Presentation(s) and documents presented at the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee meeting on April 7, 2014 can be found at the following web address: <http://myescambia.com/restore/docs>.