

RESUME OF MINUTES

Escambia County Restore Act Advisory Committee Meeting
May 06, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.
Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building
BCC Meeting Room, First Floor
221 Palafox Place
Pensacola, FL 32505

Members Present:

Bentina Terry, Chairperson	City of Pensacola
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
Gregg Beck	District 5/Commissioner Steven L. Barry
Christian Wagley	Environmental Advocacy Group
Harlan Butler	At-large Citizen
Michelle Inere	At-large Citizen

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)
Pat Chunn, Director's Aide, Community & Environment Department

1. May 06, 2013 meeting called to order at 4:06 p.m.
2. The meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on April 27 and May 04, 2013.
3. Attendance – See above.
4. **Motion was made by Christian Wagley to approve the April 22, 2013 minutes. Alan McMillan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Wilkins presented to the committee a list of economic development groups, chambers, non-profit organizations, etc., that he had contacted and/or plan to contact to speak to the committee regarding their suggestions on selecting project criteria. It was suggested that Keith also invite speakers to address public health issues. Next week, the Pensacola Beach Chamber and Pensacola Beach Advocates plan to speak jointly. Current speakers may want to come back a second time.

5. Economic Development Presentation – Scott Luth, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Luth gave a review of economic development in general. He discussed the Chamber/Vision 2015 (<http://pensacolachamber.com/vision-2015/>) strategic plan which included criteria and key Return on Investment (ROI) issues for economic development

proposals. Mr. Jim Hizer, President and CEO, spoke of two game changers: (1) Competitive Development Sites (shovel-ready sites) and (2) Deeper Skills (workforce skills). The Chamber has appointed a RESTORE Act Advisory Committee to advise and recommend proposals to the Chamber Board of Directors. The committee will also make an assessment of projects that come to this committee.

6. Economic Development Presentation – Tony McCray, NAACP ED Director

Mr. McCray and other guests suggested the committee develop a plan with decision criteria, have a new methodology focus and make change in disparity neighborhoods. The committee asked for specific information to evaluate economic development projects and send Mr. Wilkins sample criteria. Mr. McCray asked to return in a couple of weeks.

7. Southwest Florida Regional Ecosystem Restoration Plan (Attachment 1)

The Southwest Florida Regional Ecosystem Restoration Plan was provided for format purposes only.

Mr. Wilkins presented a list of recently approved (stage 3) Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) projects. The committee asked Keith to identify which projects are ready to start and the timeframe.

8. Review Bylaws (Attachment 2)

Bylaws will be discussed at the next meeting, May 20. At the April 11 Committee of the Whole Workshop (Addendum Item 1), the Board of County Commissioners agreed that the RESTORE Act Advisory Committee can make criteria recommendations to the Board.

9. Public Comment (limit 3 minutes)

Gary Sansing, 1517 E. Jackson Street, Pensacola, FL
Bill Young, 1812 E. Desoto Street, Pensacola, FL
Admiral LeRoy, 131 Tiger Lily Drive, Pensacola, FL
Jessica Koelsch, National Wildlife Federation
Barbara Albrecht, 1528 E. Brainerd Street, Pensacola, FL

The committee asked Ms. Koelsch to send Mr. Wilkins her list of project criteria.

10. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.