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MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2021

The Trustees of the Municipal Service District held their monthly meeting on Monday, April 12th at Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS) – Browning Center at 6:00 PM.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Brad Wester – Chairman
Al Hollon – Vice Chairman
Gary Jurenovich - Treasurer
John Cellucci - absent
Holly Kartsonis
Mack McCuller
Kitty Switkes

Wayne Flowers – Attorney

Chairman Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE, ORDER, CONDUCT AND CIVILITY

Chairman Wester reported that he does not have an official statement yet, but all comments should be addressed to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board of Trustees meeting minutes from March 8 were discussed. Trustee Kartsonis had a change to the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Roberts – 359 San Juan Drive - She reported that she is a member of the Citizens Traffic Task Force (CTTF) representing the Ponte Vedra Community Association (PVCA). She believes that Trustee Cellucci sent the Board a statement and she would like to reiterate that the PVCA does support this. The CTTF did meet, and they did discuss the Solana intersection and there was discussion about the letter the MSD proposed to send. She reported that Jim Knight proposed that he would gather information and give a presentation to the MSD in the summer and open it up for discussion to the community. There was discussion about the intersection. Chairman Wester asked if the minutes from that meeting could be forwarded to him. Ms. Roberts will get him the minutes. Chairman Wester reported that if the FDOT understands our concerns he feels that they will work with the MSD.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN WESTER

BEACH ACCESS / BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT

Chairman Wester reported that he has had constant communication with Nathan Otter regarding the trash pick-up during Spring Break at the beach accesses. Regarding re-nourishment the beach front homeowners have received a letter from the county asking for signed easements. They have until April 30th to return the signed easements. This is phase 1 FEMA where truckloads of sand are being brought in and this is not dredging. This is a three-phase approach lobbying the county, state, and Army Corp of Engineers (Corp). The Corp is the ultimate goal for the people leading the beach renourishment project and the Corp funding comes with a lot of things we have discussed before, mainly public parking and public access. We do have public access, but the Corp counts heads of vehicles to access the beach which determines funding. There is still a push to see how much public parking could be available including private property, trollies, and parking on the streets. Chairman Wester reported, and he is not speaking on behalf of the Board, that he has done a lot of research and will state that this is a long-term permanent solution that can never be reversed. What the temporary solution is the beach rehab/renourishment. Chairman Wester reported that he believes there is still money at the county and state level, however the Corp is the biggest money that you can secure. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that years ago he saw the drawings that were presented with parking on the streets and one-way streets. The south part of the MSD is throwing the north part under the bus. Chairman Wester reported that he is all for beach renourishment and rehabbing the beach but not at the detriment of the community for the common greater good. Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach and Atlantic Beach are platted grid networks that have always had parking and beach access at their beach. Ponte Vedra Beach is completely different with platted lots and it was never a master planned community. Chairman Wester reported that he is all for getting people to the beach but adding parking lots and street parking for the sake of getting a Corp permits just flies in the face of what are community is built around for generations and this is Brad Wester speaking. The conversations are very strong now and not sure if all the information is out in the community, especially for the people who have donated to Save Ponte Vedra Beach. Trustee Switkes asked how the sand is going to be dumped on the beach and if they are going to use Micklers. Chairman Wester reported that he does not think they will use Micklers and is waiting for an update from the county. Trustee McCuller asked if the MSD will be a part of the conversations for parking in the MSD. Chairman Wester reported that we should be a part of the conversations. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that if you put parking in the MSD the property values will decrease and the people who live on the side roads are going to want parking on Ponte Vedra Blvd. Chairman Wester reported that we do not have the infrastructure in our community to support parking on any roads.

REPUBLIC – VICE CHAIRMAN HOLLON

Vice Chairman Hollon reported about dumping on an empty lot south of Micklers and the next-door homeowner got a video of the truck and license plate. Deputy Tedder reported that he knows who the perpetrator is. Trustee Switkes reported that Republic is still leaving the cans on A1A by the bike lane.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TREASURER JURENOVICH - SHERIFF / NEWSLETTER

Treasurer Jurenovich reported he e-mailed out the Treasurer's report and there is nothing out of the ordinary. Treasurer Jurenovich discussed interest rates and how they have declined and that this will affect our budgeted interest. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he did not receive a Sheriff's Report and think it is time for the Board to look at other options. He suggests that we interview some companies and get some RFPs. It is April, and we start our budget process in June and asked for the Boards approval to proceed to get three RFPs. Trustee Kartsonis asked if this handout provides the service that are currently provided. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we would not have a deputy/person during the week as private security cannot write tickets. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that he thinks it is a mistake to use private security because they cannot write tickets and they are not law enforcement. Treasurer

Jurenovich reported that he agrees with him and if we get private security the Sheriff still must patrol the MSD as they are county roads. Chairman Wester asked for the law enforcement agreement to be distributed to the Trustees for discussion at next months meeting.

Treasurer Jurenovich discussed doing the newsletter before Christmas and asked the Trustees to start sending in pictures. The Miranda bridge project has moved to Tallahassee and has been costed at 2.9 million dollars. The project is about three years out and the cost will most likely increase.

CTTF / SIDEWALK - TRUSTEE CELLUCCI

Chairman Wester reported that Trustee Cellucci has an excused absent tonight, and he has CTTF, and we received a very comprehensive update from Barb Roberts. Regarding the sidewalk, Chairman Wester asked if everyone received the sidewalk memo and all Trustees commented that they had. Chairman Wester reported that Trustee Cellucci did meet with the PVCA regarding the sidewalk and that he will forward to Barb Roberts the information Trustee Cellucci provided the Board. Trustee Switkes asked about the funding formula that Trustee Cellucci used saying it was going to be 60/20/20 and that was not what was recorded in our minutes and he also stated that we did not have the support of the Club for the sidewalk on the west side. Chairman Wester explained that the Club wants to be a good steward, they initially wanted to protect their asset but after several meeting they want to see something more concrete in the design. We will probably need to move the fence in some areas to accommodate some utilities and the Club does want to be a part of the project. Trustee McCuller reported that his opinion is that we should not make the homeowners on San Juan pay anything as it is a safety issue. Chairman Wester reported that he has funds from individuals on the East side to fund the Ponte Vedra sidewalk. There was discussion about just moving the fence and have the sidewalk go around the hydrant or utilities and Chairman Wester reported that these are discussion that we need to have with the Club when we have something more concrete.

BEACHES ENERGY / WEBSITE - TRUSTEE KARTSONIS

Trustee Kartsonis reported that she will e-mail Chairman Wester the information on the new additional lights that are to be installed on the Blvd. near Sawgrass. She reported that the drawing is in your packet and that the drawing has been sent to Future Works. She reported that she has not received any communication that there are any streetlights not working.

Trustee Kartsonis reported that she added some information to the website and the dates for the budget have been updated. She asked the Trustee to let her know if they want something added to the first page of the website.

ROAD AND BRIDGE / STREET SIGNS- TRUSTEE MCCULLER

Trustee McCuller reported he has nothing to report. Trustee Switkes asked about the street sign at Fairway Woods. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he needs to call for locates and move the sign. Trustee Switkes reported that there are some viburnums that need to be trimmed back around the transformers. Treasurer Jurenovich asked Trustee Switkes to put a flag where she thinks the street sign should go. Trustee Switkes reported she has some purple flags.

JEA / LANDSCAPE - TRUSTEE SWITKES

Trustee Switkes reported that the JEA bill is good, and she will keep an eye on the irrigation. She reported that the JEA work is progressing on schedule and to let her know if you have any questions and she will contact Greg. Regarding the islands they are all in good shape and the palm trees have been fertilized.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – ATTORNEY FLOWERS

Attorney Flowers reported that there are three weeks to go in the legislative session and he does not see anything that will affect Special Districts.

Attorney Flowers reported that Chairman Wester received a fraud assessment questionnaire from the auditors. Chairman Wester asked what the controls in place are to prevent fraud. Attorney flowers reported that you receive a Treasurers Report every month that has a detailed check register, the checks must be signed by two Trustees and all invoices are initialed by the two signers. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that our online account is accessible only by me and has a second encryption that is sent to my cell phone. Chairman Wester reported that before he fills out the fraud questioner he wanted to see if anyone on the Board had any questions. There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

PARKING, LIGHT, NOISE AND BUILDING REVIEW – CHAIRMAN WESTER

Chairman Wester reported that at the last Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board (PVZA) the parking ordinance received unanimous approval and will now move on to the County Commissioners. Trustee Switkes asked if this was on the Commissioners calendar. Chairman Wester reported that it is not on there as of today. If the ordinance is passed, we the MSD, will send notices or flyers to all the residents on the Boulevard. Trustee Kartsonis asked when this is in effect. Attorney Flowers reported that if it is approved there will be an effective date. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we will need to update the signs and change the ordinance number.

Chairman Wester reported that he does not have an update on the noise and lighting. Trustee Kartsonis asked if we could resubmit the noise separately. Chairman Wester reported yes. Regarding the lighting, Trustee Kartsonis read the lighting ordinance that is in the PV zoning and there was discussion about seeing the light from an adjacent property. Trustee Kartsonis reported that people are working in homes after hours and is this okay. Chairman Wester reported that if they are not making noise yes. He suggested putting the noise ordinance back in to be adopted.

FEEDBACK SIGN PURCHASE – TREASURER JURENOVICH

Treasurer Jurenovich reported that this has not going anywhere now.

MSD CELLPHONE – TREASURER JURENOVICH

Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he has shopped three places and the cheapest he has found is \$50 a month for service and \$13 a month for the phone. A motion was made to increase the \$50 up to \$75 to replace the land line, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

Trustee Kartsonis asked if the Trustees can send her information for her meeting with Mike Roberson regarding things they would like to see changed. Chairman Wester reported yes if it is one way communication.

FLOATING DOCK – TREASURER JURENOVICH

Treasurer Jurenovich reported that the Club ran it through their lawyers, and they have no desire to regulate floating docks. There was discussion about what the MSD can do about floating docks and it was decided they will revisit if it becomes an issue.

LETTER REGARDING POSSIBLE U-TURN – VICE CHAIRMAN HOLLON

Vice Chairman Hollon reported that we need to state our position on the U-turn and that he likes Trustee McCullers letter. Vice Chairman Hollon made a motion that we take a position that we oppose any future closure of the southbound left turn lane at the intersection of state road A1A and Solana Road. It was seconded. Trustee McCuller asks if this means we communicate this to the FDOT. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that if the motion passed, he was going to make a motion to send the letter. Chairman Wester reported that we have on record that the FDOT wants to come and speak with us and they could change our minds. Trustee McCuller read the letter that he drafted to the Board. There was discussion about the number of residents and the letter will be changed to delete the number. Attorney Flowers made the point that the letter will probably pass unanimously tonight, however if Trustee Cellucci were in attendance tonight, chances are he would vote no. Trustee Kartsonis reported that in the letter it says unanimous opposition to the U-turn, not to

sending the letter. Attorney Flowers reported that this is your choice and Chairman Wester reported that Trustee Cellucci knew our position. Chairman Wester reported that he does want FDOT to come to our meeting with their position. Chairman Wester reported that we have a motion and a seconded on the table, the motion passed with a unanimous vote. There was discussion as to who to send the letter to. A motion was made to send the letter to Jeff Sheffield, Commissioner Blocker, Representative Stevenson, and Senator Hudson, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

A1A MEDIAN – TRUSTEE SWITKES

Trustee Switkes asked if it was true that we cannot spend money outside the MSD. Attorney Flowers said you can if it was a public purpose to benefit the residents. Chairman Wester reported that we need to put this to vote. Trustee Switkes reported that we are not going to plant anything but just enhance what is already there. Trustee Switkes reported that she does not think this needs a vote and she will continue working with others and possibly get more money from FDOT. Chairman Wester reported that the end results should be what is for the greater good for the residents of the MSD.

MSD OFFICE – TREASURER JURENOVICH

Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he has not found anything, and we just need somewhere to put our file cabinet. Attorney Flowers reported that you must have a secure location to meet the public records request standards. Treasurer Jurenovich asked Attorney Flowers to look if we must have a physical address.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Commissioners Meeting dates are incorrect and look at the dates for the meetings on their website.

NEXT MSD MEETING IS MAY 10TH OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH – ROOM 3 IN THE BROWNING CENTER

Chairman Wester reported that we are very happy with our meeting room here and that the church has been a great partner.

Trustee Kartsonis reported that she had a discussion with Attorney Flowers about double yellow lines and if you could pass on a double yellow line. She thinks we should have a more concrete definition on what we can do on a double yellow line. Chairman Wester reported that we have discussed this before at prior meetings. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we discussed this before on San Juan and it got voted down. Trustee Kartsonis question is can you park on a double yellow line. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that you can park on a double yellow line if the speed limit is less than 30mph. Chairman Wester asked Deputy Tedder to explain. He reported that you cannot park or pass on a double yellow line at a stop sign. If you raise the speed limit to 30mph, you cannot park if a double yellow line is present. Chairman Wester asked if you could pass a group of bike riders that are single file but going less than the speed limit on a double yellow line. Deputy Tedder reported if you pass with due care. Chairman Wester asked if it is the same as passing a truck that is parked. Deputy Tedder reported that you can pass as they are not moving. Chairman Wester asked Trustee Kartsonis exactly what she wants the Board to follow up on. Trustee Kartsonis read what she received from Attorney Flowers which is Section 5A in the County Parking Ordinance. Chairman Wester reported that we will revisit this next month and a reminder that about a year ago we voted to not put a double yellow line on San Juan and there was a lot of discussion. Trustee Kartsonis reported that her question is, is it legal to park on a double yellow line?

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn; it was seconded and unanimously carried.
Submitted, Ann Jurenovich, MSD Secretary