



***Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach***  
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## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

The Trustees of the Municipal Service District held their monthly meeting on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ponte Vedra Branch Library at 5:30 PM.

#### **TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Al Hollon – Chairman  
Kitty Switkes – Vice Chairman  
Rick Brown – Treasurer  
Charles Callaghan  
John Cellucci  
Brad Wester  
Michael White

Wayne Flowers – Attorney

Chairman Hollon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. We will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Hollon explained the public notice, order, conduct and civility.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes from January 8<sup>th</sup> were discussed. A motion was made to approve the minutes, they were seconded and unanimously carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Middleton – 327 San Juan Drive – Mr. Middleton reported he is here to talk about no parking on San Juan drive and would like to adopt the same approach that is on Ponte Vedra Blvd. He also reported that his streetlight is out at 327 San Juan Drive.

Brian Nicholas – 179 San Juan Drive – Mr. Nicholas thanked the Trustees for their commitment to the community. He reported that his issue is with the use of San Juan Drive by the Club golf course maintenance crew. All the equipment has been migrated along San Juan Drive and do not know the protocol for them using the road. He reported that he raised this issue with the Club and did not receive any comment back.

John Davis – 335 San Juan Drive – Mr. Davis reported that there is an issue with the drainage in

front of his house and wants to know how you are going to address this with the sidewalk being installed. Chairman Hollon reported that Trustee White will discuss the drainage in his report. Mr. Davis also reported that he is in agreement for the no parking as people are using San Juan as a cut through.

Max Gainer – 79 San Juan Drive – Mr. Gainer reported about the expectation of people who live on San Juan Drive if they have a party or an event with the no parking. He reported that he is not in favor or against the no parking but wants to understand if this goes through there are still other issues that need to be addressed and how are you addressing them. Chairman Hollon reported that Trustee Wester will address that in his report.

Mike Roberts – 359 San Juan Drive – Mr. Roberts thanked the Trustees for their service to the community. He reported that he has been there 14 years that the infrastructure for San Juan Drive was designed many years ago and the traffic is horrific. We walk every day and put our lives at risk, and we are glad the sidewalks are going in as this is a top priority. Regarding parking we support limited parking on San Juan Drive.

Jim Shields – 3800 Sandy Shores Drive, Jacksonville – Mr. Shields reported that he is here to get approval to have the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bang Run on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. He reported that the run has been approved by Christ Church. The race starts at 8am and we should be wrapped up and gone by 11am. A motion was made to support the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bang Run, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

Kim Kendall – 856 Eagle Point Dr. – She reported that she is running for State House in Cyndi Stevenson seat as she has termed out. She reported that she used to be an air traffic controller and owned two dry cleaners. She is here tonight to educate herself on the MSD issues. She has been here since 2001 and reported that we still have 56,000 homes that have been approved, she does not want to raise taxes, but her number one goal is to go after the FDOT budget which is over \$12 million every year. We are the fastest growing county in the state, and we need money for roads and evacuation routes. The second thing is expansion of work force development. We need more plumbers and electricians as not everyone goes to college. With my aviation background she will be working to bring in aircraft mechanics. It is not about writing laws but appealing them. She reported that she knows you need sidewalks. With the “Live Local Act”, it is very detrimental to our county and would like to know how I can help. [Votekimkendall.com](http://Votekimkendall.com).

Nate Datsko – Mr. Datsko is here tonight to let everyone know that he is running for sheriff. He is a retired deputy and has 33 years in law enforcement and 23 years here in St. Johns County. He reported that he worked as a deputy in the MSD and would like to get a contract again and have fulltime deputies assigned. He appreciates the MSD and the trustees and will stick around after the meeting if anyone has any questions.

Chairman Hollon reported that he has three announcements.

1. Solana Road will be closed February 27<sup>th</sup> from 8pm to 5am the next day.
2. The County Commissioners has adopted an ordinance for golf carts. Chairman Hollon read the ordinance and reported that it will be posted on our website.
3. He reported that he recently attended a county plan for future growth and development. Periodically the county is required to review and update this however it has not been done since the 1990's. The county is updating this now and they are having a meeting regarding it. There will be a meeting at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6p – 7:30p. The public is invited, and the county has created a website to review the plan [www.sjcplanupdate.com](http://www.sjcplanupdate.com). There is an online survey for residents to take. This is in the planning stage and the county will eventually adopt a comprehensive plan.

Chairman Hollon reported that we are going to start our Trustee Reports with Trustee Wester.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **BEACH AND SIDEWALK– TRUSTEE WESTER**

Trustee Wester reported that the county is still acquiring easements from the ocean front property owners. The beach renourishment project, the access points construction is still on going so please use another one if the one you use is closed. Regarding the sidewalks, myself and Attorney Flowers went back and forth with the county on revisions to the interlocal agreement for the two segments of the sidewalk. One is on San Juan from Solana to Miranda and the other is from the County line on Ponte Vedra Blvd. (Blvd.) to Ponte Vedra Circle at San Juan. We have committed funds to these \$150,000 for the large section and \$50,000 for the smaller section. He reported that he sent the agreement to the county on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Late Friday Greg Kent contacted me from Road and Bridge and the county is in agreement with everything and the next level of approval is with the County Commissioners. Trustee Wester reported that he will have to lobby each commissioner to explain the agreement and then circle back to public works to get it on the agenda for the commissioners.

Trustee Wester reported on the No Parking on San Juan and thanked everyone for coming. At the last meeting we were going to take a vote but did not because we wanted to let all the residents know as we are making a vote tonight. You can get a permit from the county for a party or event. What we are trying to get off the road are landscapers and vendors. We are going to use the draft that we have for the Blvd. and go to the county and has to go through a full vetting process. This will allow our deputies to write tickets for people who are parked. This will go in concert with the sidewalk. We have received many e-mails that people are against No Parking as they do want a signage all along San Juan Drive. Trustee Wester reported that we do not want No Parking signage either. It will be just like the Blvd. where there will be signage only at the entry points (San Juan at Solana, San Juan at the Blvd. and San Juan and Miranda). There will be a code citation if anyone wants to research it. Exceptions will be utility vehicles, mail vehicles, moving trucks, etc. Some people say that parking in the street is traffic calming, however our experts say it is not. Tonight's vote will allow us to draft something for the county. We will let you know when the hearings are taking place and that will be the public forum to speak. Trustee Wester reported that the Board of County Commissioners will have the final say as this will become an official ordinance. Trustee Wester asked if there were any public questions. Someone asked if you can still park on the side streets, like Pablo, and how you will handle this. Trustee Wester reported that it will only apply to San Juan Drive. A motion was made to enter into a draft interlocal agreement with the county for no parking on San Juan Drive from Solana Road to the Blvd. It was seconded and unanimously carried.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN HOLLON**

#### **REPUBLIC / SHERIFF PATROLS AND PAYMENTS**

Chairman Hollon reported that regarding Republic Services their contract expires July 31<sup>st</sup>, and FCC Environmental Services will be taking over the contract. He reported that he has spoken with the operations manager three times and let him know we wanted two days a week and side door pickup. They have been meeting with homeowners' associations and Republic employees. The county will continue to take care of recycling and yard waste. FCC is to get back with me once they have some numbers.

Chairman Hollon reported that for the sheriff's report last month there were 107 citations, 210 warnings and 23 no parking citations. The vast majority are speeding and running stop signs. The deputies are doing routine patrol throughout the MSD between 7am – 10pm. We have had a problem with construction vehicles blocking the road, so the deputies have been looking into this.

Someone from the public asked why we are changing garbage contractors. Commissioner Joseph reported that the county has had Republic for many years and the contract came up for renewal. The county put it out to bid and FCC was the best bid, but she was afraid to only have one garbage company as they had two in the past. One for the north and one for the south, but since meeting with

them she is excited, and they are hiring a lot of Republic employees. She reported that she is having a town hall at the library March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30p – 6:30p and they are going to bring a brand-new truck. She reported that she will be there to answer any questions from sidewalks to garbage and if she does not know the answer, she will get back to you.

#### **JEA / LANDSCAPE – VICE CHAIRMAN SWITKES**

Vice Chairman Switkes reported that JEA is doing a water meter upgrade, and they will be more efficient and able to monitor leaks. She has not received a response back from JEA regarding painting the fire hydrants but will continue to take pictures and send them to JEA. The irrigation bill is fine. She has not received a response back from JEA regarding painting the fire hydrants. She reported that in March she will be doing a lot of landscaping planting and adding flowers and fertilizing. Last month we talked about Sunset Park and the approval to have the back part of the lot bushhogged and a dead pine tree removed. She reported that this has been done and looks great and that the landscapers will mow this lot going forward.

Someone asked who maintains the lagoons and who to call about debris in the water. Trustee White reported that the lagoons are owned by the club, but the county actually holds the permit for the lagoon system. Within that the county has accepted maintenance of the lagoon system. He reported to e-mail me, or the county and we can ask them to get the debris out. Someone asked who sponsors the person who is in the boat spraying in the lagoon. Trustee White reported that he does not know. Someone asked about gators. Trustee White reported to call FWC.

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT / STREET SIGNS– TREASURER BROWN**

Treasurer Brown reported that we have no extraordinary expenditures. We collected two deposits totaling \$89,840. Ending balance in the FL Prime is \$1,246,118 and the ending balance in the First Horizon checking is \$41,578. The yield on the money market is still in the mid 5%. Regarding the signs there were no new open items. The sign at Pablo Road south has been fixed. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

#### **BEACHES ENERGY / WEBSITE – TRUSTEE CALLAGHAN**

Trustee Callaghan reported that there are 32 streetlights that are not working. He wanted to thank Deputy Tedder for letting him know. Beaches Energy Service (BES) let me know that they have all been fixed. Regarding the new streetlights at 33 Corona and the one at the island at Poinciana Way, they have not been installed yet and BES has not decided on the pricing and procedures. Regarding the website everything is up to date, and he will put up the golf cart ordinance and the county’s comprehensive plan. He asked if he could get some information regarding the town hall that Commissioner Joseph is hosting he will put that on the website.

#### **NEWSLETTER / FLAGS / INSURANCE - TRUSTEE CELLUCCI**

Trustee Cellucci reported there is nothing new on insurance. He reported that he is working on the flags and should be ready for Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter is in the process of printing, and you should see it in a couple of weeks. Commissioner Joseph has been assigned to the library advisory board as a commissioner liaison to the board and is helping get additional funding as they are building three additional libraries.

#### **TRUSTEE WHITE – CTTF / ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Trustee White reported that he attended the CTTF meeting today and there is nothing related to the MSD. There will come a time in the future where we will have to solve the issues of Solana and A1A intersection. Chairman Hollon asked if he knew why Solana Road was going to be closed. He reported no. On the drainage the county hired Eisman and Russo who are currently doing a feasibility study on the Blvd. Trustee White reported that he reached out to the county to see if they would expand the study to include Solana and San Juan. The county told me to reach out to Eisman and Russo. He reported that he received a proposal back from them to look at both roads and asked them to propose solutions for a drainage plan that will work with a sidewalk. Eisman and Russo

reported that we need to do a survey and they solicited the company that is already working with the county. He reported that he did not go out and put this to bid, which he can, because the company is already doing the work now for the county. The next step is should we take this information and go to the county and ask if we can do cost sharing. The survey cost is \$35,000 and \$44,000 in three steps to come up with a big picture plan for San Juan and Solana. Trustee White reported that he thinks he should go back to Greg Caldwell at the county and share what we have received and let them know that we want to work with them and can they share some of the costs. Trustee White asked for board approval to go talk with the county and see what their interest is. Chairman Hollon asked if this will include the drains that we do not know who maintains. Trustee White reported that is a separate activity, but the survey will show us where the drains are. Chairman Hollon reported that the county should have a good idea about who owns them. Trustee White reported that the club owns the lagoons, and we cannot modify anything without their consent and the county is the one who has the permits, so we are a third party in this. Trustee White reported that he spoke with John Peyton about coordinating with the PVIC and if we can do the coordination and make it easy for the county to come up and fix things we get the drainage fixed. Chairman Hollon reported that when he met with Joy Andrews the County Administrator she said that they are applying for federal funding for drainage. Trustee White reported that we need to get our plan together and show the county that we are making progress so we can get this completed within my lifetime.

Vice Chairman Switkes asked if we get a partnership with the county how long does the survey take. Trustee White reported that it will take a month or two and the feasibility study will probably take 4 or 5 months. Vice Chairman Switkes reported that she does not want the Miranda Bridge to be forgotten in the federal money. We were told by Gary Jurenovich to not do anything to the bridge because it should not have any work done on it to get federal money.

#### **ATTORNEY REPORT – ATTORNEY FLOWERS**

Attorney Flowers reported that he e-mailed everyone a draft resolution identifying the incumbent seat numbers (attached). The ones that are up for election this year are seats 2, 4, and 6. Attorney Flowers asked the Board to adopt resolution 24-01. Chairman Hollon made a motion to adopt resolution 24-01 that was requested by the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections. It was seconded and unanimously carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **JACK POPE POSITION – CHAIRMAN HOLLON**

Chairman Hollon reported that he had a very good conversation with Joy Andrews and explained to her everything we have gone through. Chairman Hollon reported that he thinks we are going to get some help on this position. Attorney Flowers reported that he provided the bullet list of assignments and Chairman Hollon then discussed with Ms. Andrews about the position being a county employee.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF NO PARKING ON SAN JUAN – CHAIRMAN HOLLON**

Chairman Hollon reported that we discussed this earlier with Trustee Wester.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2024**

Chairman Hollon would like everyone to keep their current position.

#### **KEY DATES**

County Commissioners Meetings – February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>

Next MSD meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady Start of the Sea, 5:30pm at The Browning Center Room 2

#### **ADJOURN**

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