

Duval Street Committee Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Present: Jimmy Weekley, Chairman
Perry Johnston
Janet Kelly
George L Fernandez
Andy Williams
Gloria Sellers
Barry Gibson, City Commissioner
Vivian Perez, City of Key West Mayor and City Commissioners Office

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Chairman Jimmy Weekley asked for motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2008. There was a motion and a second but I am unable to here in the audio who made the motions. The Chairman asked if everyone was in favor, the response was unanimous.

Chairman Weekley asked Commissioner Gibson what the status of the Resolution. Commissioner Gibson stated that he spoke to Shawn Smith, City Attorney and the Resolution will be on the August 5 City Commission Meeting agenda. Commissioner Gibson also mentioned that according to the City Attorney it is a special event. Commissioner Gibson does not think that there will be any fees will be involved and the reason that the City Attorney interpreted as a special event is because it is not just a street closures instead the business will be utilizing the streets and sidewalks.

Chairman Weekley requested a copy of the resolution so that the Committee can get some key points and lobby the Commissioner and Mayor prior to the City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Gibson believes that a representative of the Committee should be at the City Commission meeting to present the item. Commissioner Gibson mentioned that he would definitely be speaking on behalf of the resolution.

Commissioner Gibson asked if there were any specifics to be addressed in the resolution. Chairman Weekley replied with a yes and informed Commissioner Gibson of some the specifics and also mentioned that Vivian Perez has the information detailed in her previous minutes.

Vivian Perez mentioned that she probably get the resolution and bring it to the next Duval Street Committee Meeting for everyone to review.

Chairman Weekley mentioned to George Fernandez that the City of Key West is going out for bids for trees to plant on Duval Street. Chairman Weekley asked Mr. Fernandez to explain the procedure on how the Trophia Foundation works. Mr. Fernandez explained that the Trophia Foundation reviews the various organizations that request help in beautification of the City.

Mr. Fernandez spoke about several projects that the Foundation is currently working on. Mr. Fernandez explained that what is required is a spec sheet detailing what is needed and how the Foundation can help and what they could be a part of. Mr. Fernandez stated that the Foundation's Board reviews all the request and make a decision.

Mr. Fernandez mentioned speaking with Cynthia Google Domenech and that she had stated that there certain guidelines/restrictions that the City is obligated to follow.

Mr. Fernandez reported helping the City of Key West replace some of the trees that fell at Bayview Park during a hurricane.

Chairman Weekley asked if the application would come from the City of Key West or the Duval Street Committee working in conjunction with the City of Key West supports.

Chairman Weekley asked if the Foundation donated the actual trees or is it a monetary donation. Mr. Fernandez explained that the Foundation donated the trees, along with finding the volunteers to plant the trees.

Chairman Weekley asked Commissioner Gibson to set up a meeting between the Jim Scholl, City Manager, Cynthia Google Domenech and George Fernandez to see how the Trophia Foundation can help the City of Key West.

Chairman Weekley mentioned that Dan Strosnider who works in Owen Trepanier's Office are trying to put together a Foundation of their clients that would make contributions to the Foundations to pay for the upkeep of the landscaping of the trees.

Vivian Perez reported that Amy Kimball- Murley emailed John Murley and copied her on the email requesting the help of the student's to participate in an assignment in doing some urban designing of Duval Street.

Chairman Weekley mentioned to the Committee that was present about the possibility changing the date and time that the meetings are held and how some member are unable to attend because of this time slot. Chairman Weekley asked Ms. Perez to email the Committee members with several options in order to discuss at the next Duval Street Committee meeting.

Gloria Sellers asked if anyone knew if the City of Key West has ordered the demonstration compacting garbage cans that the Committee recommended through the Clean and Green Committee. At the moment Commissioner Gibson has not seen

anything come before the Commission. Chairman Weekley think that it might be on the budget for the next fiscal year.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at 525 Angela Street in the ADA Conference Room.

The meeting ended at 2:38 p.m.

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