

Duval Street Committee Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Present: Jimmy Weekley, Chairman
Perry Johnston
Janet Kelly
George L Fernandez
Roger McVeigh
Gloria Sellers
Annalise Mannix, Engineering
Barry Gibson, City Commissioner
Angela Budde, City Clerks 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 16, 2008. The Chairman asked if anyone has any objections if not the minutes are approved.

Chairman Weekley asked if anyone from the Committee has had a chance to look at the Resolution for the Upper Duval Street Closure and if anyone has any suggestions for the Resolution.

Roger McVeigh suggested that the Upper Duval Street Merchant/Business Owners attend a meeting before the Street Closure for a presentation of their ideas. Chairman Weekley stated that he would invite Mark Barrack from La Te Da for a presentation.

Roger McVeigh asked about the recycling requirement attached to the Resolution. Chairman Weekley explained that although this is not a special event it was determined that a special event application was the proper form in order to get the resolution on the agenda. Chairman Weekley explained that each Business Owners have their own recycling plan.

Roger McVeigh recognized that there is no fee for the event. Chairman Weekley stated that the City was not charging any fees for the event.

Chairman Weekley would like to add language (whereas clause) to the Resolution talking about the committee.

Chairman Weekley would like to add a mission statement to the Resolution.

Perry Johnston questioned as to who owns this closure. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Duval Street Committee (DSC) does not own this closure. Mr. Johnston was concerned with how some of the language might sound like the DSC

owned this closure. The Committee came up with the following amended language for the Resolution in order to address some of the specific concerns/suggestions.

Chairman Weekley suggested some language giving the businesses the approval for the closure with the support of DSC. Chairman Weekley believes this would give the businesses ownership of the resolution.

Commissioner Gibson will take the added/amended language to Shawn Smith, City Attorney so that he can make the necessary changes for the tomorrow's agenda setting.

Chairman Weekley asked Annalise Mannix if she had something to present or information for the Committee. Ms. Mannix brought in a sample of the mulch for the planters to show the Committee. There was a discussion on the color and the texture of the rubber mulch that is going to be ordered.

Chairman Weekley explained that Vivian Perez sent out an email to the Committee asking what date and time would be best for some of the members that are unable to attend at the present scheduled date and time.

There was a discussion on the different dates and times. It was decided to keep the meetings to Wednesday's but change the time to 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Angela Budde asked if Wednesday's at 9:00 a.m. was the Committee's decision. Ms. Gloria Sellers asked if the Chairman was getting comments from others about the date and time. The Chairman stated that he had some member's state that they could not attend the meeting with the present date and time.

Ms. Budde informed the Committee that the ADA Conference Room calendar needed to be checked to make sure that the new date and times will be available. Ms. Budde upon her return informed the Committee that the ADA Conference Room is available for the next four months on Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m. and that she has booked in the calendar.

Ms. Seller suggested leaving the Wednesday, at 2:00 p.m. on the calendar just in case the Committee ever needed to return to its original date and time.

Commissioner Gibson mentioned to the Committee an Ordinance that is in the draft stage pertaining to the electric cars cruising the streets and taking up spaces soliciting business. Commissioner Gibson mentioned this Ordinance would be similar to the Ordinance in South Beach and Ft. Lauderdale.

There was a discussion about the Truck Ordinance and the enforcement of the Ordinance.

Roger McVeigh and the Committee members tossed around several whereas clauses to add to the Resolution, the following is what the Committee would like to see added to the Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Duval Street Committee was formed as a result of the 2008 Duval Street Summit held on January 31, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Duval Street Committee is exploring ideas for improving the Duval Street corridor including street closures to increase local pedestrian traffic

WHEREAS, the Duval Street Committee is supporting the Sidewalk Café concept to the businesses located in the 1000 to 1200 blocks of Duval Street.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at 525 Angela Street in the ADA Conference Room.

The meeting ended at 2:50 p.m.

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