

Duval Street Committee Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Present: Jimmy Weekley, Chairman
Perry Johnston
Janet Kelly
George L Fernandez
Roger McVeigh
Christina Russell
Dan Strosnider
Vivian Perez, Administrative Assistant Mayor and City Commission

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Chairman Jimmy Weekley asked for motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2008. Roger McVeigh pointed out some typos on the Minutes. The Chairman asked if there were no objections the minutes are approved with the changes.

Chairman Weekley explained that the Resolution is on the consent agenda and it would have to come off in order to make some more minor changes to it. Chairman Weekley explained that Nick Trivisanno suggested that after Section 1 in the Resolution change Duval Street Committee to Merchants.

Chairman Weekley stated that he has not heard from Mark Barrack of LaTeDa. Chairman Weekley explained that he would like for Mr. Barrack or someone else from the Upper End of Duval Street to present and discuss to the Committee there plans for the street closure once they have formalized the final plan.

There was a discussion concerning the changes Nick Trivisanno suggested. Vivian Perez reported that she took the suggested changes to Larry Erskine, Assistant City Attorney and he was concern on who would own the liability for the street closure. Chairman Weekley said that he would contact Mr. Erskine and discuss his concerns.

Vivian Perez mentioned to the Committee that she received a phone call from Steve Torrence, KWPD who had a question about Police presence at the street closure and if anyone apply for an exemption with the Department Alcohol and Tobacco. Steve Torrence said that he would contact Chairman Weekley and ask him the questions. Chairman Weekley stated that he did not receive any phone call from Officer Torrence.

Roger McVeigh asked if the Committee would have a part during the street closure i.e. taking a survey from the public that attend the street closure.

Chairman Weekley requested that someone from the Committee (present at today meeting) pick a Commissioner and the Mayor in order to speak to them prior to the City

Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Chairman Weekley stated this would help if any of them have any specific concern or questions.

Perry Johnston remembered that at there was a discussion on doing a press release. Chairman Weekley suggested doing it after the Upper Duval Street Merchants make their presentation to the Committee. Chairman Weekley also mentioned inviting Mandy Bolan from the Citizen to attend the Duval Street Meeting were the Merchant will present their formalized plan.

Chairman Weekley reiterated that any advertising to be done would be done by the Merchants.

The following are the Committee Member with the elected official they volunteered to approach.

Janet Kelly – Commissioner Clayton Lopez
George Fernandez – Commissioner Teri Johnston
Perry Johnston – Mayor Morgan McPherson
Roger McVeigh – Commissioner Mark Rossi
Jimmy Weekley – Commissioner Bill Verge
Christina Russell – Commissioner Dan Kolhage

Commissioner Barry Gibson is the sponsor of the Resolution therefore no one would need to speak to him.

There was a discussion on the talking points and specific of the street closure. The following are some key points for the Committee to use when speaking to the elected official.

- Closure dates: Saturday, October 4, & Saturday, October 11
- Closure times: 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (both dates)
- Sidewalks will be kept open – sidewalk café
- Duval Street Committee is a derivative of the Duval Street Summit
- Working parallel and support the Clean & Green Committee
- Chose the Upper End of Duval for a demonstration (concept) because of it is a small area with plenty off street parking
- The Committee met with 8 to 10 Business Owners (Upper Duval) and they were all in support of the street closure and demonstration

Chairman Weekley stated that he would ask Mark Barrack to set up another meeting with the merchants. Chairman Weekley will also ask Mr. Barrack to attend the City Commission Meeting Tuesday night.

Christine Russell asked if the Business Owners/Merchants are responsible for there own recycling. Chairman Weekley stated that in the Resolution it states that the Duval Street Committee will adhere to the recycling plan of the City of Key West.

There was a discussion about setting out extra recycling containers placed in the area during the street closure. Chairman Weekley asked Ms. Perez to contact R.B. Havens,

Public Works and ask if it is possible to have a half a dozen recycling containers at the demonstration.

Christine Russell asked if there was going to be music. Chairman Weekley stated that he is aware that Judy Bradford's husband will be playing at her gallery. Chairman Weekley restated that there will not be any amplified music strictly back round music and it is up to the business owner as to whether they would like to play soft music.

Roger McVeigh believes that the Committee should have a mission statement. Mr. McVeigh stated that he would work it and send a draft to Ms. Perez so that she could send it out the Committee and it could be discussed at the next DSC meeting.

George Fernandez asked if the Clean and Green Committee can be present during the street closure (demonstration) for educational purpose and also to spread the word about the City's efforts to go Green. Chairman Weekley said that he will speak to Annalise Mannix and if they Clean & Green can participate during the demonstration. George Fernandez also believes that Chris Belland should be approached. Mr. Fernandez volunteered to speak to Mr. Belland.

There was a brief discussion about the date and time of the meeting. It was determined that this new date and time is on an experimental basis. Chairman Weekley would like to see if more people show up at the next meeting. Chairman Weekley thinks that there was a small attendance it is because today is the first day of lobster mini season

Perry Johnston suggested that Duval Street Committee start to think about what the Committee wants to do next.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at 525 Angela Street in the ADA Conference Room.

The meeting ended at 9:48 a.m.

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