

Duval Street Committee Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Present: Perry Johnston, Co-Chairman
Roger McVeigh
Christina Russell
Francine Bolduc
Vivian Perez, Administrative Assistant Mayor and City Commission

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

Co-Chairman Perry Johnston asked Francine Bolduc to give a report to the attendees as to the progress she has made since the luncheon meeting held at La Te Da on August 27th.

Ms. Bolduc explained that she has been caught up in the hurricane cycle. Ms. Bolduc believes that getting and name for the street closure is critical. Ms. Bolduc also believes that surveys asking what are the local expecting from the street closure.

Christine Russell believes that for right now that may be bigger than Ms. Bolduc could handle. Ms. Russell believes that Roger McVeigh brought up the idea of some of the Duval Street Committee members could walk around with clip boards during the street closure with a half of dozen questions.

Roger McVeigh re-iterated just to get the street closure to happen (the pilot) and see how it goes and then work out the issues/concerns for the next street closure.

Ms. Bolduc is expecting a quick turn around on her questionnaire. Ms. Bolduc wants to see what merchants are emotionally involved with the street closure.

There was a discussion on the dates it was determined that November 1, 2008 will be removed from the possible dates of the street closure. It was discussed that Saturday, November 8, 2008 would be the first Saturday for the street closure.

Roger McVeigh listed the following information that is needed for the resolution to go before the City Commissioner on October 7, 2008 are: the number of participant, the dates of the street closure and the insurance endorsement.

Francine Bolduc asked what if an Art Gallery wanted to set up an artist on the sidewalk to do demonstration or paint something would that Art Gallery have to provide liability insurance.

Christine Russell suggested not making a mountain out of a mole hill. Ms. Russell believes that the City Commission would be satisfied f restaurant turn in to the City of Key West a liability insurance endorsement.

There was a discussion on the deadline dates for the City Attorney to get the resolution ready to bring before the City Commission at a meeting. It was determined that in order for the resolution to be brought before the Commission on October 7, 2008 all of the information needs to be finalized before Friday, September 19, 2008.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at 525 Angela Street in the ADA Conference Room.

The meeting ended at 10:10 a.m.

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