

**Duval Street Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 24, 2008**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Jimmy Weekley, Chairman  
Perry Johnston, Co-Chairman  
Roger McVeigh  
George Fernandez  
Dan Strosnider  
Vivian Perez, Administrative Assistant Mayor and City Commission

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Chairman Jimmy Weekley asked for approval of the September 3 and September 17, 2008 minutes. Chairman Weekley acknowledged no corrections to the minutes and indicated the minutes are approved without objection.

Chairman Weekley asked Vivian Perez to give an update on the Resolution for the street closure. Ms. Perez indicated that at the last DSC Francine Bolduc stated that she was going to walk to all the business in the Upper Duval area and see if she gets a good commitment from the merchant, she was hoping to get at least 20 participants. Ms. Perez stated that she received an email from Ms. Bolduc in which she reached her goal the merchants that has to provide insurance to the City agreed. Ms. Perez stated at that point she email the City Attorney asking to place the Resolution back on the agenda with new dates of Saturday, November 8, , 15, 22, and 29; Saturday, December 13 and 20, 2008 and the clause concerning the liability insurance. The City Attorney indicated that he would put the Resolution on the October 7, 2008 City Commission Agenda.

There was a discussion whether or not the November 8<sup>th</sup> date if it conflicts with the Veteran's Day Parade. It was believed that the parade is usually the day that Veteran's Day falls.

Chairman Jimmy Weekley reported to the Committee that he spoke with Jim Murley from FIU about having student come to Key West and do an Urban Design Concept of the Duval. Mr. Murley indicated to Chairman Weekley that the head of the Department did not want to do the project. Mr. Murley also stated that he was going to speak to the Architectural Department at the University of Miami and see if they were interested in such a project and that he would be in touch with Jimmy Weekley.

Chairman Weekley suggested letting the business to coordinate the street closure. Chairmen Weekley believes that DSC has done its part in getting the Resolution before the City Commission.

Roger McVeigh thinks that DCS will still have to continue to hand hold and encourage the Upper Duval Street group until it gets off the ground. Chairman Weekley indicated that DSC will still provided any kind of guidance or help they may need.

Roger McVeigh discussed having a working session about the Vision of DSC. Chairman Weekley along with the Committee Members came up with several key points in order to come up with a vision statement. Roger McVeigh indicated that he would put some of the key points mentioned and email them to Vivian Perez so that she can send out an email blast to all the Members.

Roger McVeigh talked about revisiting the meeting time/day and the amount of the times the Committee meets.

Chairman Weekley asked Vivian Perez to ask the Planning Department to research a program by the state called Main Street Florida that provided grant money and assistance. Chairman Weekley stated that Main Street Florida is not a State Government entity but it is a State support entity and they have helped other City's in the State.

Roger McVeigh asked about a timeline for the Committee. Chairman Weekley stated that he hopes to put together a plan to present to the City Commission to adopt with a timeline to accomplish the plan.

There was a discussion on the long term and the short term goals. The discussion focused on the whether or not to Pedestrian all of Duval Street or maybe just a portion.

Perry Johnston remembered at one point the Committee wanted to ask Carolyn Sharkey to have the person from the University of Miami and show us some of his designs and concepts he's done with other City's.

George Fernandez spoke about a trolley/shuttle system similar to the one in Coral Gables. Mr. Fernandez indicated that he would make contact with his connection in the Coral Gables area and ask some questions about the operation.

Dan Strosnider suggested finding to find several ways to off set revenue lost from the parking meters.

Perry Johnston mentioned maybe integrating the Duval Street Committee's work with the revision of the Comprehensive Plan.

Dan Strosnider suggested in future meeting breaking the Committee into Sub-Committee's.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 3:00 a.m. at 525 Angela Street in the ADA Conference Room.

The meeting ended at 10:44 a.m.

(Recordings of the meetings are maintained with the Executive Aide to the Mayor and Commissioners)