

Duval Street Committee November 19, 2008

Present: Jimmy Weekley, Chair
Roger McVeigh
Joan George
Perry Johnston

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 3 at 3PM, 525 Angela Street

Chairman Weekley related an email to our committee from Francine Bolduc to the effect that merchants in the Upper Duval blocks designated for temporary closure are apparently not interested in the project. She cancelled a meeting with the merchants when only one had signed up to come.

The discussion among committee members turned to what the committee wishes to do next. The following was decided:

1) Jimmy Weekley will call Commissioner Gibson to see if he will contact "Florida Main Street" to ask a person from that office to come to meet with our committee to explain their purpose and operation.

If we are successful in getting Florida Main Street to a meeting, our committee will make a special effort to get out Duval merchants as well as many earlier members of the committee to participate in a discussion of what to do with Duval.

2) Refocus on beautification of Duval.

A) ask Cynthia Domenech-Coogle to come back to the committee to discuss progress on the City tree planting on Duval (with assistance from the Trophia Foundation) and to ascertain what assistance the committee may be able to render by encouraging an adopt-a-tree program among citizens or businesses.

B) propose the idea once again of benches to be installed on Duval, paid for by businesses or private donors who wish to dedicate a bench to a worthy individual or cause.

(Due to the few persons in attendance, this meeting was not formally convened nor was it recorded as neither Vivian Perez nor her replacement could attend)