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**MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2010**

The trustees of the Municipal Service District held their monthly meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Library at 6 PM.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Gary S. Jurenovich – Chairman

Robert Reesh – Vice Chairman

John Wegl - Treasurer

Douglas C. Crane

Al Hollon

Gordon Blalock

Chris Greene

Attorney Wayne Flowers

Chairman Jurenovich called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2010 were discussed. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Colquitt – 201 Gnarled Oakes Drive – Thanked the MSD Board for their quick efforts installing a light at the Grove and more police presences. Mr. Colquitt addressed the Board regarding landscaping the property in front of the Grove neighborhood on A1A. He asked the MSD for their help and support. Chairman Jurenovich asked if this was State property. Chairman Jurenovich asked if there were any comments. Virginia Simpson said there is an organization called Friends of A1A and it is a national organization for scenic highways. Sally O'hara is a good person to contact as she is the person who spearheaded the project on the median on A1A. Trustee Greene asked for her contact. Chairman Jurenovich said he would provide him with her number. Chairman Jurenovich asked who would like to contact the county to get a right of way map of the property. Vice Chairman Reesh said he would get the property map. Trustee Crane asked Mr. Colquitt if the contractor is going to fix the property when they have finished construction and he said that they were going to put down sod. Trustee Greene asked for the name of the contractor but Mr. Colquitt did not know. Chairman Jurenovich said that we can make sure that the sod had

been laid before the County issues the certificate of completion. Chairman Jurenovich asked that all the Board members drive down and look at the property for discussion at the next meeting.

Virginia Simpson – 37 Ramona Street – Mrs. Simpson is here regarding the Seaview Park parcel. She told the Board the background of her efforts and had been told that the parcel is in the parks and recreation department of the County and that the MSD Board is going to maintain the property. Mrs. Simpson told the Board the original idea of this was to put in a passive park for the kids to have an open and safe space to play. Mrs. Simpson asked the Board if a passive park is still their intention and she also spoke to someone who is interested in a piece of property to put in a community garden. She also said a neighbor who lives adjacent to the parcel had mentioned having a community garden too. Mrs. Simpson asked the Board for an update. Chairman Jurenovich reported that we are calling this the Sunset Parcel as we don't want it called a park. I went the County attorney a year ago when we were close to obtaining this parcel and I was told that they would not do this deal if it was a community garden. Mrs. Simpson said that when the property went into the Parks and Recreation department inventory everyone expressed that they supported any type of beautification as long there were not any invasive species planted. At that point, we talked about putting in bushes and having the property cleaned up because it was a staging area when the sewers were put in. I would like to see it tilled up, sprinklers put in and sod put in. I know this isn't a park but all St. Johns County parks are only opened from dawn to dusk. As a neighbor and it seems to be the general consensus of the immediate neighbors that we want an area for our kids to play. I do not know why the County would be opposed to a garden but I will talk to them as I talk to them every day about other things.

Jim Shields – 105184 Ft. George Road – I used to be a Ponte Vedra Beach resident and I am here as I would like to run a 5K race in the MSD on July 3rd. I have spoken with the County who suggested that I speak with the MSD. Trustee Greene asked Mr. Shields the timing of the race. Mr. Shields thinks the race would start 7:30am to 8:00am. Mr. Shields said that he has spoken with Mr. Haney at the Ponte Vedra Club about using one of their beach access to access the beach. Treasurer Wegl reported that he believes there is a triathlon at Micklers the same day. Mr. Shields will check into that. Chairman Jurenovich suggested he speak with Christ Church and then come back and let us know where he stands.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY BEACH MANAGER – BILL ZEITS

Chairman Jurenovich invited Mr. Zeits to come to the meeting to discuss the latest on the 911 signage. Mr. Zeits explained the background of how this project started that people are on the beach and they do not know where they are if there is an emergency. The proposal for beach signs here in the MSD is different than St. Augustine where there is driving on the beach. There are 15 access points in the MSD. Some are walkovers and some are footpaths but it is our responsibility to make sure that all the access have some type of signage. I met with Chairman Jurenovich and we looked at all the access and we talked about how to sign them from the west side. Chairman Jurenovich said that Mr. Zeits suggested having a catch all sign that address the sea turtles, the dogs, the water and then at the bottom have it say in case of emergency dial 911, you are at location 1234 (example). These are just ideas. Mr. Zeits said that on the east side (beach side) to also have signage for the 911 but also to possibly do addresses on residents private walkovers. Mr. Zeits said it is nice to have a contact at the MSD and in working with them and the Sheriff's office I think we can meet the public safety needs.

Mr. Zeits discussed the possibility of having a dune walkover put in at 407 Ponte Vedra Blvd. and partnering with the MSD in the cost. Chairman Jurenovich said that there is an open footpath to get to the dune but there is native cactus on the dunes and I think to protect this and the habitat a

dune walkover would protect the native habitat. Mr. Zeits said a dune walkover is about \$4,800 but the County puts them out to bid. Chairman Jurenovich asked the Board to think about helping to fund these walkovers as he feels it is similar to the sidewalk project. We will discuss this at the next meeting. Trustee Crane asked about removing the cactus and Mr. Zeits said that sometimes it is difficult and sometimes impossible to get a permit to remove vegetation if there is a way to get around it.

Mr. Zeits said both projects are in motion and I am more than welcome to come to any meetings. Trustee Crane asked how many signs will be put up on the Ponte Vedra Blvd. Mr. Zeits said there are 15 signs on the west and 15 or more on the beach side. The 911 operators will have a map that will coordinate with the numbers on the access/walkovers.

Robert Champion – 1016 Ponte Vedra Blvd. and I am the President of the Ponte Vedra Community Association. My only comment was the colors of the signage but it looks as though that has been toned down. Mr. Zeits reported that the signage on the beach side will be attached to the walkover or on a PVC post. Mr. Champion asked how many emergencies you have had in the MSD in the past year. Mr. Zeits said that is something the Sheriff's office will have to provide. Mr. Champion asked what the total cost of this project and are you asking the MSD to fund this project? Mr. Zeits said he would like to have a partnership with the MSD.

Virginia Simpson said that her question about where we are going with Seaview Park Park was never addressed and is there a Trustee who is working on this? Chairman Jurenovich said that it will be in his Trustee Report. Trustee Greene said that he has put out bids for this and when he has all of them he would come back to the Board. Trustee Greene said that he would like the input of the neighborhood and he likes the community garden idea but there are a lot of things you have to take into consideration. Virginia Simpson said that we do not want a playground just a green space for the kids to play. I did a survey a long time ago but to partner with Master Gardeners would be invaluable for us. If you want a survey, I can do that. Trustee Greene reported the sooner the better and asked Mrs. Simpson to e-mail him.

Larry Wright – 521 Sunset Park – Reported that he wants a space for kids to play and I believe we have some great input that could save the County some money.

Jack Walker – 1205 Salt Creek Point Way – I am a Master Gardener and member of the Creation Keepers at Christ Church. We have been looking for a piece of property and we feel that doing this in the community would be wonderful. We have the irrigation system donated, we would have mulch walkways but we are looking for a place to grow vegetables and we want to work with the community. Chairman Jurenovich reported that we have to be careful about the parking on the streets as the streets are very narrow and the possibility of rescue not being able to get to someone's home. Mr. Walker said that they can park at Christ Church. When you say you have the irrigation donated, you mean you would till this get the rocks out and make this a space for the kids to play. Mr. Walker said yes.

Mr. Becker said that we can get a consensus from the neighbors and work with Mr. Greene and the Board can hear the consensus and then vote. Treasurer Wegl asked Attorney Flowers if we owned this piece of property. Attorney Flowers said the County owns this and that the MSD is responsible for maintaining the property. Treasurer Wegl asked about the liability insurance and Attorney Flowers said that we have shown proof of insurance. Trustee Blalock asked Attorney Flowers if the County would have a problem with a church group on the land. Attorney Flowers said that if it is open to anyone you cannot control this. Chairman Jurenovich said that if this does

come to fruition, we will have No Parking signs put up and the Sheriff's Department comes by and tells construction workers who are building house to move their cars off the street. Mr. Walker added that there are neighbors who have agreed to let people park in their driveways and there are neighbors who want to use the plots. Mr. Walker asked if there is a plat of the property I will get a drawing done. Trustee Greene said that there are some pine trees that we considered removing and Mr. Walker said they would work around them and Trustee Greene mentioned the culver which Mr. Walker said is good for drainage and everything used will be organic. Trustee Hollon asked Mr. Walker how do you determine who gets to grow the vegetables. Mr. Walker said that it is by a lottery and vary from year to year. Trustee Greene asked Mr. Walker if at the next meeting he could share the rules.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

POLICE REPORT – TRUSTEE CRANE

Trustee Crane thanked former Commissioner Jim Bryant for sitting in on the meeting. Trustee Crane e-mail the February YTD police report to all trustees and being short of time will not review the numbers. If anyone in the audience would like to see on, it is on the website. Trustee Crane thanked Lt. Amon and his deputies as the numbers are down for February. Chairman Jurenovich asked Trustee Crane to continue with his Website Report.

WEBSITE REPORT – TRUSTEE CRANE

Trustee Crane reported that the YTD visits compared to last year have increased along with other website activity.

SEWER, DRAINAGE, ROAD REPORT – TRUSTEE HOLLON

Trustee Hollon reported we had a resident on Pablo Road who had a drainage issue. I was out of town the week he reported the problem and Trustee Crane referred him to Joe Stephenson and I will follow up with Mr. Stephenson. Trustee Hollon reported that over the weekend the residents who are raising money for the Corona Road project put some flyers out on what they have raised so far, the bid timeline and the steps they have taken. Trustee Hollon wanted to provide this information to Trustee Blalock.

TREASURER'S REPORT – TREASURER WEGL

Treasurer Wegl reported that he e-mailed the financials. Treasurer Wegl reported that we are having a bit of a problem from Ironstone Bank as they have the wrong Tax Id and are withholding taxes. Treasurer Wegl reported he has been working on this for 6 months and has a meeting with the bank tomorrow and suggested to the Board if this doesn't get resolved he would like to change banks. Treasurer Wegl reported on the Deputy Anderson account it is still growing. Chairman Jurenovich asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

ELECTRIC, CABLE & PHONE REPORT – TREASURER WEGL

Treasurer Wegl reported the under grounding on Ponte Vedra Blvd and on San Juan should be completed this week or next week at the latest. The manholes are in then they will start on Pablo which is phase 2, burying the conduit. The overhead lines on San Juan, I e-mailed everyone the three contractors who were the most responsive. I will draft a letter to send to the 21 residents and forward it to Attorney Flowers for review. The polls on Solana I have talked to the new AT&T guy and he is very responsive. He reviewed the quote that we had and thought it was high. He is reviewing this and looking at other alternatives to get the lines buried and possibly using the same contractor as Beaches Energy. Sawgrass to A1A they are still connecting cables and have not connected any homeowners but are still projecting to get the poles out by early summer. Based on

the Boards approval at the last meeting I went ahead and located 29 new lights in that stretch with one additional light in the Micklers parking lot. The 29 lights are spaced equivalent to the lights between Solana and Corona and Corona to Sawgrass. Chairman Jurenovich asked Treasurer Wegl to send his recommendations to Beaches Energy. Trustee Blalock asked how much to it will cost to put the lights in. Treasurer Wegl said we do not have to pay to put the lights in as we are putting them by the transformers but we do have to pay for the electricity for lights. The five lights that we spoke about at the last meeting that are privately paid for have been switched over for the MSD to pay. Chairman Jurenovich reported that this is a huge project for the MSD to put lines underground and the goal is to enhance the neighborhood and to remove the telephone poles. The reason this project is running so smoothly is the MSD meets every month with all the contractor so that everyone is on the same page. Most of the contractors say they are ahead of schedule and at the last meeting Treasurer Wegl reported there were 16 contractors at the meeting.

STREET SIGNS AND POLES – TRUSTEE BLALOCK

Trustee Blalock reported that the new aluminum street sign pole is at Maria and LeMaster. The aluminum pole is a bit more expensive than the steel pole but we are hoping this pole will attain retain it esthetic quality. Trustee Hollon asked how much more and Trustee Blalock reported about \$80 more and Chairman Jurenovich said it is extremely light.

SANITATION – VICE CHAIRMAN REESH

Vice Chairman Reesh reported that the contract with Seaboard expires in August and I am continuing to talk with their General Manager. It is out objective to renew this contract for an additional 7 years with no changes. Treasurer Wegl asked if the cost of living adjustment will stay in the contract and Vice Chairman Reesh said the 2% is the goal. Mr. Becker reported that the last contract Seaboard tried to put a franchise fee of 3% and wanted the Board to be aware of that.

Chairman Jurenovich reported on his meeting Commissioner Mays regarding the poles and lines in the air and the possibility of a FEMA grant. Chairman Jurenovich reported on attending the County Commissioner meeting to discuss the beach signs and that facilitated Mr. Zeitz's attendance at tonight's meeting. He reported on the MSD letterhead and provided the Trustees a draft. Chairman Jurenovich reported that he continues to work on the Deputy Anderson Memorial and found a company that laser engraves on black granite and we should receive this in about a month and we will be moving ahead. Chairman Jurenovich reported that he e-mailed everyone the information about the Welcome to Ponte Vedra Beach sign on A1A when you enter St. Johns County. We either need to paint that sign, put a new sign up or remove it. Several contractors have looked at the sign and it is about \$1,200 to paint it, \$1,800 for a new sign and nothing to take it down. Chairman Jurenovich said the MSD owns this sign but I wanted to poll the Board as to their intentions and even thought about giving the sign the Chamber of Commerce and doing an interlocal agreement. Chairman Jurenovich said that he will contact the Chamber of Commerce to see if the would like to accept ownership.

LANDSCAPING & RIGHT OF WAY – TRUSTEE GREENE

This was reported earlier in the meeting

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – ATTORNEY FLOWERS

Attorney Flowers has nothing new to report but wanted to remind Treasurer Wegl about upcoming budget and limiting Special Districts.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Beautification of triangle south of Micklers – Chairman Jurenovich reported that we have

talked about this earlier tonight and at several meetings and the Board went and looked at this area which is across the street from the plat that Vice Chairman Reesh is going to pull and come up with some ideas.

- b. Corona Railing Update/Carlyle Parking Entrance – Trustee Blalock reported that they are on schedule and plan to start the project in October. The Carlyle Parking Entrance should not be impacted except that you will have to enter from Ponte Vedra Blvd. Trustee Crane heard that they could take up to 275 days to complete the project. Trustee Blalock reported that he believes the project will take at least 6 months. Trustee Crane said it should not 275 days to complete and asked Trustee Blalock to check into timeline. Chairman Jurenovich asked him to check with Joe Stephenson as they reasoning behind closing Corona was to help make the project go faster.
- c. Review of Letterhead – Chairman Jurenovich reported this has been discussed.
- d. Chairman Jurenovich asked if anyone attended the March 2nd meeting and asked the Board to attend a meeting if they are available.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Matching Safety Grant – Treasurer Wegl passed out and reviewed the Matching Safety Grant. He said that we can get ½ of what we spend up to \$2,500 maximum. This includes any safety related item that we spend money on.
- b. County Commissioner Meeting March 16th and April 6th – Chairman Jurenovich again asked the Board to attend if possible.

Chairman Jurenovich asked if anyone has anything to add to New Business for the next meeting. Trustee Hollon said that he would like to have a vote at the next meeting as he feels the beach signage should only be on the west/street side and there should not be any signs on the beach. Trustee Crane said his understanding is that the signs will only be at the access point on both the street and beach side and then they would go to the homeowners to see if they would allow them to put their address (different sign) on the private beach walkover.

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Submitted, Ann Jurenovich, MSD Secretary
(An audio tape of the meeting is on file at the MSD office)