

ST JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNTABLE
Minutes of Meeting – June 10, 2019

The meeting was opened at 9:00am by Chairman Tony Bosco.

Treasurer's Report: It was reported that we have an account balance of \$454.20.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

Chairman Bosco introduced our guest speakers Denise Bunnewith with the North Florida Transportation and Planning Organization and Wiley Page with Atkins consulting.

The topic covered was planning out to 2945 for the counties Clay, Duval, Nassau and St Johns County. Their aim is to reduce traffic fatalities through studying and planning of future traffic patterns that may be implemented. They reported that about 25% of the organizations plans are actually constructed. Currently the loss of lives and related economic losses is 232 fatalities and 3 billion dollars lost to the economy. By comparison 121 lives were caused by murder in the same geography.

They focus on mass transportation as well particularly the future of train passenger transport in Florida. (Brightline Project linking South Florida with Orlando was recently revived.) Bike trails and safety of pedestrians influences the suggested projects for the future. They pointed out that six lane highways act as a wall separating communities that they may serve. This factor plus age of infrastructure, typical commute distances govern the planning process.

Telephone “Town Hall” meetings are planned to get public input on priority and need from the public.

The new Federal infrastructure spending may help with the progress of the plans particularly if the percentage allocated to bridges is not too large.

Carl Blessing – Noted fast response of fire service and Police to home struck by lightning.
Joy pointed out that the Fire and Police like to hear that their work is noted and appreciated.

Our next speaker for the July 8th meeting is Emily Harrison, Director of Career and Technical Studies for the St Johns County School District.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Froio, Secretary