

# ST. JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

January 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Lofgren at 9:08 am.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December 14, 2015 minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: No report

President Lofgren reported that while we do not have a speaker this month, speakers are booked for the meetings to follow. Bill McCormick added that February's speakers will cover the "Compassionate City" St. Augustine and "Passion in Action" topics. Presenting will be Caren Goldman and Warren Clark.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Bill McCormack – Noted rejection of the Kings Grant development at 206/I95 in southern St Johns County. The developer is going to court to seek a reversal of that decision. SACA is joining with the county in opposing the Kings Grant project. A SACA fundraiser is scheduled for the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings House on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

2) Linda Oakley noted that the county does impact fee studies every 5 years.

3) Doug Worth commented on the traffic congestion On A1A from Corona to the Butler Blvd. Said getting state assistance to address the problem may be difficult.

4) Ed Olsen noted the need to expand membership on the civic roundtable. He explained that many large communities are not represented. Ed asked for volunteers to

address that issue and several members agreed to assist Ed with the task.

Linda Oakley stated that she saw a diminished impact from the civic roundtable compared to years past. Tony Bosco raised the issue of getting working people to join the roundtable and suggested an evening meeting time might work better to attract them.

5) Travis Skogland discussed the parking problems associated with the Salt Life property area. Also commented on the Farmers Market success and the expansion of Frontier Airlines service. Sees St. Augustine airport as a key to tourism growth in the area.

6) Carl Blessing informed us that Gates Petroleum has sought a variance (Height of 45') in a proposed structure north of the Surf Club on Ponte Vedra Blvd.

7) Tony Bosco stated that tourism is a key industry in St. Augustine and that we have pressing issues to provide more parking and hotel space at the city's perimeter with

shuttles to move people from and to those locations. He also noted the lack of commercial property as part of the tax base.

The meeting concluded at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Froio

Secretary.