

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE

### MINUTES OF MEETING

September 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Anthony Bosco at 9:00am.

The minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting were accepted as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1275.69 with 9 paid members.

Vice-President Bosco introduced Ms. MisCha Johns, Archaeological Assistant, City of St. Augustine, the guest speaker. Ms. Johns gave an excellent overview of the Archaeological program in the City of St. Augustine. The city has a preservation ordinance, enacted in 1988 that provides for archaeological digs in the city when lands need to be uncovered for other reasons such as new construction.

Archaeology is the study of human behavior based on discarded objects such as pottery, buttons, etc.

She reviewed the progress of St. Augustine development in the colonial period and showed the various districts in the city based on their age. St. Augustine is unique in North America in that it was occupied by many different groups over many years. She indicated that they were able to date pottery objects by the type of material and the type of decoration on the shard.

The use of many volunteers helps to make the projects successful. The archaeology work is funded by the city and by fees collected for new building projects.

Other Business

1. Bill McCormick introduced the new representative from Summer Island.
2. Bill McCormick spoke about the success of the 450<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. He also wanted the roundtable to become involved with the redistricting currently under way in the state for U.S. House members.
3. Doug Worth – Indicated that currently the operating budget looks solid
4. Jim Walter – requested that the Civic Roundtable send a letter of support to the County Staff for the good job they are doing. Doug Worth and Bill McCormick will prepare a letter for review at the next meeting.
5. Bill McCormick made a motion that the Roundtable support the 1/2% sales tax increase requested by the County School Board. The Chair Requested that Bill McCormick and Doug Worth draft a resolution letter to be sent to all HOA's and the newspapers, which would include a fact sheet regarding this issue. A motion to adopt this resolution will be voted on at the next meeting.
6. Ellen Whitmore brought up a problem with the signage on Race Track road.
7. Carl Blessing reviewed a meeting The Ponte Vedra Coalition had with Ms. Rachel Bennett, Chairwoman of the County Commission. He indicated that she said she will not be seeking re-election.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Olsen

Secretary

