

St Johns County Civic Roundtable
Minutes from November 14, 2011 - corrected

Minutes of October meeting were approved
Treasurers Report – Bank Balance \$3685.32 and 52 Members

Guest Speakers – Ms. Kelly Barrera of the St Augustine Airport Authority and Mr. Ed Wolner, Director of Northeast Florida Regional Airport. Presentation highlights included;

- Authority is made up of 5 At Large members
- Authority is financially independent and self supporting
- Facilitates 5% of County Workforce
- Education partner with St Augustine Aerospace Academy, Jacksonville University,
- FFCTJ and Embry Riddle University
- The Authority has received 8 million in grants from the FAA and FDOT and are working on several capital improvements including; Taxi Way “B”, Fire Rescue Station, enhanced fuel capacity and airport safety.
- The Authority believes the airport is the best location for the proposed train station as the facility already plays hosts to aviation, rental cars and hopefully trains and buses in the near future.
- The Authority is sensitive to its neighbors and has declined air freight business. Air freight creates more night time noise and there is a resolution in place that prevents expansion into surrounding areas that are already residential
- Air Show was not a huge financial success but was well attended. It is not scheduled for 2012 but the authority hopes the show will return.
- Airport Authority has the authority to reinstate the taxes we formerly paid? The answer was yes they could but the Authority has no immediate plans to do so. The power point presentation will be available on the Roundtable web site

Concerns and Announcements from Membership;

Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Boat Parade schedule for the evening of Saturday 12/3/11
Surf Illumination scheduled from 4 until 7 pm at St Johns County Pier Park on 12/3/11

County Planning Meeting scheduled for 11/17/11 – discussion will include changes to the erosion plan and other items. There was a concern from a couple of members that some of the proposed changes were developer friendly and may not be the best thing for the county

Thank you went to the county for their assistance in preserving a 250 year old oak tree. Also thanks went to President Tony Bosco and Commissioner Bryan for their support of a fundraiser by the Star Council in support of local cancer charity Artbreakers.

A note for all members to take to their local association. Please remind everyone to lock their cars. A large percentage of car burglaries have no element of forced entry. Locking

your car door and not leaving items like cell phones and laptops in plain view are effective ways to counteract the criminal element.

Hal and our friends in Marsh Landing are asking for input on ways to control speeding. Speed bumps, electronic information signs and other ideas were shared.

Jim McLane had information that the Coquina Project may not yet be dead. It is still cost prohibitive as we currently pay about ½ cent per gallon and estimates range from 3 to 6 cents per gallon. Jim also shared that the water consumption forecast is inaccurate and that it is now clear that water purified by reverse osmosis still needs to be filtered.

Next meeting scheduled for December 12 at 9 am

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am