

## **St Johns County Roundtable Minutes August 10, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: 32

GUEST: Suzanne Konchan, St. Johns County Growth Management Department Director

JULY MINUTES: Motion to Approve and Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: No report. Treasurer not at meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Government Budget, No. Education, No.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mary Kohnke brought up the Workshop to discuss the Tourist Development Council by the St. Johns County Commissioners on August 11 from 9-12 at the St. Johns County Auditorium. She asked that as many folks as possible attend. Vice President Tony Bosco will represent the Roundtable and report back to us at the September meeting.

The meeting will do a 20 year review of how the Tourist Taxes are spent.

County Commissioner Bryan advised the group that the mission will be to determine how to properly reorganize the TDC and how to spend the money correctly. The result must be transparent, honest and keep the meeting orderly with a positive result. The revenue is down to \$5,000,000 from \$6,000,000. The biggest problem is distribution. St. Johns County has the lowest Bed Tax in the state of Florida.

Motion to: Support the efforts of the St. John County Commissioners Workshop to reallocate all monies to the original statutory percentages and to support more transparency. Motion Carried.

GUEST SPEAKER: Suzanne Konchan had her key staff members in the audience. A Power Point presentation is attached to the minutes.

Suzanne reviewed what the Growth Management Department responsibilities include and showed how the department is split into four divisions. She also introduced each of the four Directors. As follows:

Development Review, Lindsay Haga

Building Services, Howard White

Long Range Planning Division, Teresa Bishop

Environmental Division, Jan Brewer

Each department reviewed what they do and the staff that each department has.

Meeting Adjourned and next meeting is September 14, 2009