

Minutes of VSC Special Executive Committee Meeting

February 10, 2014, 2:00 PM

Attendees: Michael Klauber, Jeff Mayers, Pete Norden.

Other VSC Board members present: Jon Robinson, Drayton Saunders, Kelly Romanoff, Joe Barbetta

Staff: Virginia Haley, Shantel Norman

Guests: Joe McKenna, Jon Thaxton, Lisl Liang, Michelle Pingel, Mark Huey, Mary Bensel, Monica Van Buskirk, Jim Shirley, Steve Queior

Michael Klauber called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM. Jon Thaxton started by introducing himself and asked staff and guests to introduce themselves. Mr. Thaxton informed the committee that the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County, the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, the Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, the Sarasota Orchestra, and the Board of Directors of Visit Sarasota County (VSC) all have accepted the mission statement.

VSC President Virginia Haley informed the committee that the new date for discussion of the Bayfront with the City of Sarasota has been moved to March 3. Joe McKenna suggested looking for more proposals to bring to the meeting with the City on March 3. Mr. McKenna also suggested requesting that City Manager Tom Barwin bring the project before the City Commissioners because we want them to have the best information.

Jon Thaxton believes the HR&A proposal should be reworded and the word “phases” needs to be removed from the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM by Michael Klauber.