

Minutes of the Special Executive Committee Meeting

July 28, 2014, 4:30 PM

Attendees: Michael Klauber, Pete Norden, Drayton Saunders, Paige Hartmann

Staff: Virginia Haley, Shantel Norman

Other Guests: Jon Thaxton, Monica Van Buskirk, Bob Easterle, Dan Bebak, Russ Vernon, Gary Hoyt, Brian Jones, Marty Rappmar, Chris Gallagher, Steve Queior, Marcella Loven, Art Loven, Larry Thompson, Joe McKenna.

Michael Klauber called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM. He asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Mr. Klauber discussed the City Commission meeting that was held Thursday, July 24. The City Commission unanimously took action regarding future discussion and possible changes to the Bayfront cultural park. City Manager Tom Barwin will be the staff liaison with the Bayfront 20:20 committee. The City Commission placed parameters to guide the discussions on the future of the Bayfront, as follows:

- The 42 acres will remain publicly owned with public access.
- There must be maximum open vistas.
- A conference/convention center will not be constructed on publicly-owned land.
- Future meeting dates of the Bayfront 20:20 committee will be noted in the City Manager's weekly meetings calendar.

Mr. Klauber stated we will continue community communications.

Ms. Haley updated the committee that she, along with Michael Klauber, will be speaking with HR&A about taking us through fall 2014. The goal is to finalize the conversation next week. The Bayfront committee will need to raise a minimum of \$150,000.

Mr. Klauber informed the committee that August 18th, 5:30 PM–7:00 PM, there will be an information session and fundraiser to help get things started. HR&A will be attending this session.

Michael Klauber and his wife kicked off the fundraiser by giving \$5,000, and he has four more supporters to match that amount. Visit Sarasota County is giving \$15,000 and found a supporter to match that amount. The goal is to get more support and monies from core organizations and their supporters.

Gary Hoyt, owner of Hoyt Architects, gave a presentation of their ideas and thoughts for the Sarasota Bayfront.

Michael Klauber thanked Hoyt Architects for presenting and thanked everyone for attending the Special Executive Committee meeting. The meeting ended at 5:45 PM.