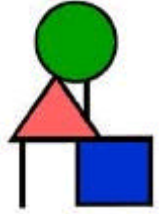


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November 3, 2003 Meeting Agenda

It's time for some housecleaning chores before the new year arrives:

Nominating Committee for 2004 officers
for voting in December

Airport expansion & noise abatement review

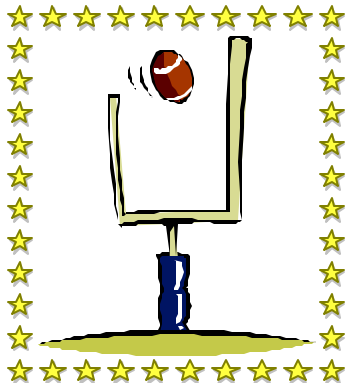
Information on City Players issue

Committee Reports

2004 Neighborhoods Conference



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Our 2004 Neighborhoods Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2004 at the brand, spanking new Phillies Stadium. We will feature more of the problem identification and problem solving techniques from our 2003 conference and much more.
OUR GOAL IS TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED.

When & Where

Monday, November 3, 2003 7:00 P.M.

Long Center Boardroom—Upstairs
1501 Belcher Road ——Clearwater

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2003 MEETING

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1. President Sandra Curry called the meeting to order.
2. Guest speakers Whitney Gray, City Commissioner, and Karen Seel, County Commissioner, presented the latest information on the mass transit program under study. See next page for details.
3. Commissioner Seel briefed us on some other countywide issues. Noise abatement for the St. Petersburg-Clearwater airport is a work in progress. The Coast Guard and Blackhawks are cooperating, with the Blackhawks flying only over water areas. The airport master plan and possible runway extension are being evaluated by an airport investment consultant for financial sensibility. It was noted that the airport receives no tax dollars; it is run like a business through an enterprise fund. Environmental issues are also to be investigated for impact from any expansion.

No decision has been made on increasing the gasoline tax up to 6 cents maximum. Two public meetings have been held. A six cent tax would generate around \$21 million for sharing with municipalities in the county and would cost someone using 10 gallons a week about \$ 30 per year. The tax could be separated in penny increments to designate for specific projects.

4. Minutes of the September 8 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
5. OLD BUSINESS:
President Curry asked us to consider the airport master plan and noise issues for future action by the Coalition. No current stand has been taken.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
We were informed that the City Players will no longer be funded by the City in the new budget. The main expense is the storage of their materials, which the City will no longer fund. President Sandy agreed to call and gather more information for our next meeting.

The 2004 Neighborhoods Conference will be on Saturday, February 28 from 8:30 to 3:30 at the new Phillies Stadium, which is to be completed that month. It will feature a continental breakfast and a bag lunch provided by the Phillies. The City Expo exhibits and a review of Problem Identification make a return visit, with Solutions to Problems added to the program. The keynote speaker is to be a motivational, former Phillies player. We will be at Club level in the stadium, on a covered but open deck.
7. Treasurers Report John shows we have total assets of \$ 1,268.09, with \$ 340.41 designated for the conference. Another check (\$ 250) for the conference came in this week and was not included in the figures. Expenses for the year 2003 have exceeded income by \$22.38. Memberships paid for 2003 currently total 25.
8. Other Reports
Neighborhood Services Jan said the sign code has been amended which will open up the grant money. Groups who applied for grants can revise their applications accordingly. Over 100 attended a bicycle safety program.
Chamber Doug reported the Chamber supports Beach by Design and the County Gasoline Tax hike. The Downtown Streetscape will be done one side at a time.
Charter Review Proposed new wording in the Charter for the Bayfront to give some leeway for adding boat slips and docks, but has met some resistance from citizens who fear the wording may lead to undesirable additions there.

Adjourned 8:55 P.M. Respectfully submitted Rich Glasgow, Secretary

October 16 Meeting Guest Speakers Pinellas Mobility Initiative

Our guest speakers on the Pinellas Mobility Initiative were two familiar faces to Coalition members. Karen Seel is a former Clearwater Commissioner and current Pinellas County Commissioner and Whitney Gray serves on the Clearwater Commission. Both also serve on the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and are highly involved in the initiative. Mike Crawford, a consultant involved with the initiative, was also in attendance.

Efforts to start a mass transit system in Pinellas County started about ten years ago. Five years ago another effort resulted in yet another study, and the current initiative is the result. The project highlights include: 38 mile elevated monorail system, support by express buses and trolleys, connections to major employment areas in the County, connections to beaches, airport and downtown areas, connections to major medical and higher learning institutions. The 3 major routes are Clearwater Beach to downtown St. Petersburg, Clearwater Mall to Countryside Mall along U.S. 19, and Tropicana Field to Park Street. The elevated monorail will be supported by enhanced express buses, rubber-tired trolleys and local PSTA bus service. Connections to Florida’s High Speed Rail system will be provided. Currently they are working on a Regional Transportation Organization to coordinate with Hillsborough County for connections to Tampa airport, etc.

28 stations will be located along the 38 mile monorail system and will be classified as neighborhood, intermediate or regional. Parking, retail services and security will vary accordingly to those classifications. Twelve trolleys will circulate in major employment and recreational areas in 2 mile loops for 15 hours per day to assist the enhanced bus service in getting people to the stations. The elevated monorail features automatic, electric cars and accomplishes reducing costs by reducing expensive right of way purchases and removes the mass transit away from regular traffic.

Of course, the system will only be effective if people will use it. It is an alternative to people using their own cars, which saves them money on gasoline and parking, and gives them usable time for reading, etc. while riding. Cars will be wheelchair and handi-capped accessible and areas for bicycles are being considered. An estimated 100,000 jobs are within 1/4 mile of the regional stations. The monorail averages 30 miles per hour, including stops (40 plus between stops) , and the maximum wait time is 10 minutes.

Karen and Whitney refrained from talking about the costs, but they said a surtax on sales tax is one possible funding source. The PMI newsletter states a cost of about \$ 40 million per mile, with the entire proposed system including trolleys and services to cost approximately \$ 1.5 billion. Go to “www.pinellasmobility.com” to learn more and view aerials and simulations.

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- A. To provide a forum to gather and exchange information concerning common and unique goals and problems of member associations, and to use the combined strength to achieve mutually agreed objectives.
- B. To promote desirable development in association areas and to support civic and legislative efforts to effect such development.
- C. To assist public authority in policing and maintaining proper behavior within member association areas.
- D. To monitor and make recommendations on governmental services to member association areas.
- E. To engage in such other activities as may be of benefit to the associations which comprise this COALITION.

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