

Samsons Island Committee
Minutes from meeting held January 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Chairperson Sandy Carnival. Members present were Sandy Carnival, Sam Lauricella, Eugene Matthews, and Greg Smith. Also present was Kerry Stoms, Recreation Director.

The minutes of December 17, 2013 were approved as presented.

There were no citizen or Council comments.

Report on Volunteer and Public Works: Dori asked Kerry to report that a few volunteers continue to assist on Sundays, continuing to eradicate exotic plants and replanting cedar young trees. Kerry reported that Public Works has completed removing the old toilet (except for the final base), removed trees and installed a new battery so that the solar restroom can function properly. The boat seats are at the canvas shop and Kerry reported that for \$275 the rips in the seats can be repaired. Sam moved, seconded by Greg to approve the expenditure of \$275 to repair the pontoon boat seats. All ayes, motion passed.

Dori asked if the committee would support a work day on 3/15, 9am-1pm in advance of the 3/22 open house. The committee agreed but members were not sure if their schedule would permit their participation.

Election of Chairman: None of the committee members present were able to accept the position of Chairman. Sam moved, seconded by Eugene to rotate the chairperson position monthly, using an alphabetical process. Sam moved, seconded by Eugene to approved a rotating chairperson. All ayes, motion passed. Sandy asked the members to start thinking about possible future committee members for recruitment.

Open House: Members asked if Kerry could invite Penny McDonald (BCC environmental professor) for seining, Brevard Zoo, Jim Dubey from Seminole County environmental programs, Tim Perkins for wildlife, and an individual who could do nature painting. Greg will check with a paddleboard company he knows. Sandy located Brian Omers with FWC to participate. The committee asked if the Open House lunch could be hot dogs, chips, and water.

Planting: Eugene moved, seconded by Sam to spend up to \$250 to purchase 6 cypress trees for \$25/each and use the balance to purchase a variety of plants which were recommended by Maple Street Natives for that area. These trees will be planted on the south/west side in the old Australian pines area.

Management Plan: Kerry presented the 2014 recreation element/facilities inventory. Sandy asked Kerry to find out what format the City's IT would like both the facilities inventory and the plant and animal inventory in order that it can be added to the City's documents shown on the website.

February agenda: Review the Committee's Charter especially the requirement for member city residency. Also include the beginnings of the budget process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm. The next meeting will be February 18, 2014, 6pm. The rotating Chairperson for the February meeting is Sam Lauricella.