

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
CONVOCAATION OF GOVERNMENTS JOINT MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2015
SUNCOAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE CONFERENCE CENTER
4748 BENEVA ROAD, SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

Town of Longboat Key

Present: Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor Jack Duncan, Commr. Lynn Larson, and Commr. Irwin Pastor

Absent: Commrs. Terry Gans, Phillip Younger, and Patricia Zunz

Also Present: Town Manager Dave Bullock, Assistant Town Manager Anne Ross, Town Clerk Trish Granger

Note: The Town Commission participated in the Sarasota County School Board Convocation of Governments meeting with members of the following governmental entities: Sarasota County School Board, Sarasota County Commission, Cities of North Port, Sarasota, and Venice.

I. Welcome / Introductions

II. Convocation Goals and Agenda

Following introductions, Sarasota County School Board Chair Frank Kovach provided opening remarks and an overview of the meeting schedule.

III.A. Update on Suncoast Technical College (STC) and Joint-Use Public Library Project

Sarasota County Schools Deputy Superintendent Scott Lempe and Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources Director Sarabeth Kalajian provided an update on a combined school media center/public library concept in North Port. Discussions were held with Mr. Lempe, Ms. Kalajian, and Sarasota County Schools of Career Technical Education Director Dr. Todd Bowden on the following topics/issues:

- inclusion of adequate meeting space in the facility
- process for inclusion of a conference center during the design phase/project planning
- inclusion of a health clinic in Phase II of the project
- determination of a conference center versus meeting room
- probable delays if additional facilities are added at the current time
- historical resources educational component at the facility.

III.B. Update on Sarasota County Manufacturing Community Wide Plan

Sarasota County Career Edge Executive Director Mireya Eavey provided an overview of a Career Edge and the manufacturing community-wide plan. Discussions were held on targeted dates for the goals stated.

III.C. Career Edge: School to Work Initiative

Sarasota County Career Edge Executive Director Mireya Eavey provided an overview of the school programs held at STC, highlighting the Career Edge Program and the School-To-Work Initiative, and summarizing the activities.

IV.A. Other Business

North Port City Manager Jonathan Lewis commented on joint use opportunities noting North Port's intent for continued collaboration.

IV.B. Other Business

Venice Assistant City Manager Len Bramble commented on and discussions were held on the following items:

- Public Safety/School Resource Officers (SRO) at schools - funding constraints
- collaboration for school internship programs
- comprehensive planning
- inclusion of students on the City's advisory committees
- lack of programs for students in public administration (government) career opportunities
- lack of adequate street lighting in school areas
- signage on the Performing Arts Center in Venice.

V. Open to the Public - No items were presented.

IV.C. Other Business - Continued

Sarasota County Schools Suncoast Technical College (STC) Executive Director Dr. Todd Bowden commented on the Community Picnic scheduled for January 24, 2015, to be held at STC and invited attendance of those present in the meeting.

IV.D. Other Business - Continued

Sarasota Board of County Commission Chair Carolyn Mason commented on the collaboration of entities and the collaboration accomplishments over the past year.

VI. Adjournment

Sarasota School Board Chair Kovach adjourned the January 16, 2015, Convocation Meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes Approved: 02-02-2015