

MAY 25, 2010

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, convened as the MANATEE COUNTY CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, at 10:13 a.m.

Present were Members:

Carol Whitmore, Chairman
Lawrence E. Bustle, Jr., First Vice-Chairman
Joe McClash, Second Vice-Chairman
Donna G. Hayes, Third Vice-Chairman
Gwendolyn Y. Brown
John Chappie

Absent was:

Ron Getman (vacation)

Also present were:

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator
Tedd Williams, Jr., County Attorney
Susan G. Romine, Board Records Manager,
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

AGENDA

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DONATION

Elliott Falcione, Convention and Visitors Bureau, acknowledged the work and dedication of the Crosley Estate Foundation.

David Wick, Chairman of the Crosley Estate Foundation, discussed fundraising efforts, and introduced foundation members.

Natalie Gundrum, Festival of Trees Chairman, discussed the Festival of Trees event, and thanked the sponsors, decorators, food service providers, and volunteers for their support. Of the 53 trees, the winner was "Miracle of the Sea". She suggested encouraging more involvement and participation with the schools.

Norm Luppino, former Crosley Estate Foundation Chairman, displayed two photographs of the mansion when the County purchased it 19 years ago. The mansion is a shining example of a County success story, and one of the greatest assets on the west coast of Florida.

Mr. Wick referred to a slide presentation depicting the fundraising efforts at the Crosley. The renovations to the boat basin, additional railings and lighting for events, window blinds in the meeting room, and gazebo improvements have contributed to making the facility more desirable, which aided in raising the \$300,000 invested in the property.

Mr. Falcione noted this is an example of a successful private/public partnership, and acknowledged the efforts of Steve Belack and Mr. Wick, leaders on the Board. He also noted that the exciting things happening at Robinson Preserve and Emerson Point will be promoted by the Convention and Visitors Center as tourist attractions.

Discussion: Share the presentation of the Carriage House improvements with the Commission; Certificate of Occupancy expected in July or August; a ceremony is being planned for sometime in the fall; etc.

Motion was made by Mr. McClash, seconded by Mr. Bustle, and carried 6 to 0, to accept the donation in accordance with Ordinance 86-05, and procedures established by the County Administrator's Office, from the Crosley Estate Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 to be used toward Crosley rehabilitation projects.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 10:27 a.m.
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Minutes Approved: August 10, 2010