

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 27, 2011

Minutes

- Call to Order** 8:30 a.m.
- Attendance:** Mario Bazile, Manny Blanco, Joe Ewell, Jim Garvey, Roy Gattuso, Steve LaChute, Mike Madderra, Dr. Vinicio Madrigal, Paul Rivera, Lynda Nugent Smith
- Staff:** Cynthia Grows, Lucien Gunter, Alberto Queral, Scott Rojas, Dottie Stephenson, Penny Weeks
- Absences:** David Martin, Bill Peperone, Stan Salathe
- Attorney:** Mary Beth Arceneaux
- Guests:** Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng, Cherreen Gegenheimer, Jennifer VanVrancken, Reed Smith

I. Chairman Comments – Manny Blanco

- **Welcome Guest**

Chairman Blanco welcomed the above named guests.

- **District 5 Updates – Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng**

The Councilwoman briefed the Board regarding updates within District 5, with an emphasis on Fat City. She reported that from January to October, there was a 48% reduction in police calls. While other improvements are underway for 17th, 18th and 19th streets, the Fat City Advisory Committee continues to work on waste and parking issues. The overall perception of Fat City is changing and more businesses are choosing to locate there. The French Press is one example of new investment on Severn.

- **Agenda Amendment - Executive Session**

Chairman Blanco announced that it is necessary to have an Executive Session at the end of the agenda and requested a motion for approval. Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Swearing-in New Commissioner**

Parish Attorney, Mary Beth Arceneaux, performed the swearing-in of Mark Madderra; appointed by the Apartment Association of Greater New Orleans, replacing Stacey Shane Schott. Mr. Madderra will serve on the Finance Committee for 2011.

- **Reappointment of Commissioners**

Three Commissioners who were serving the unexpired term of another Commissioner have been approved by the Parish Council to serve a 5-year term:

Greg Jordan representing the Jefferson Chamber – Eastbank
Paul Rivera representing Jefferson Parish Marine and Fisheries Advisory Board
Stan Salathe representing Harvey Canal Industrial Association

- **Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Regional Academy and Conference Center**

Chairman Blanco reported that the groundbreaking for the School and Conference Center was held two weeks ago and feels that this is a huge step for the Churchill Technology and Business Park.

- **Approval of Board Absences**

*On October 27th
Bill Peperone
was absent,
Board excused
him at the
November 17th
meeting.
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Joe Ewell motioned to excuse David Martin and Stan Salathe; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of JEDCO Board of Commissioners Minutes for September 29, 2011**

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.

II. New and Unfinished Business – Chairman, Manny Blanco

- **Resolution authorizing JEDCO to enter into CEA with Jefferson Parish to continue services of GCR & Associates through June 30, 2012 – Dottie Stephenson**

Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to authorize and approve the resolution and CEA between the Parish and JEDCO relative to GCR & Associates, Inc., providing services for the implementation of the Jefferson EDGE 2020 Quality of Life Initiative through June 30, 2012 which allows additional time to use the balance of unspent funds in the amount of \$82,162.00; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution authorizing Amendment No. 5 to JEDCO contract with GCR & Associates in order to extend the end date of the contract from December 31, 2011 until June 30, 2012 – Dottie Stephenson**

Dr. Vinicio Madrigal motioned to approve the resolution authorizing Amendment No. 5 to the contract between JEDCO and GCR & Associates regarding an extension of services through June 30, 2012; seconded by Jim Garvey. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution authorizing Amendment No. 5 to JEDCO contract with Perez Architects for additional services provided through September 15, 2011 and to provide for other matters – Dottie Stephenson**

Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to defer this item until Executive Session convenes and adjourns; seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Executive Director Report – Lucien Gunter

- **Code Enforcement Administrative Operations Work Group**

President Young appointed a committee to address the Parish's permitting process and asked Lucien to chair the committee. Lucien met with the committee on October 17th. Ways of streamlining the process and solutions that can be implemented immediately were offered. The second meeting is scheduled for October 31st. The Parish President wants a report with recommendations within 30 days.

- **Fairfield Vision**

Lucien has been working closely with the Parish and land owners regarding this 20 year plan. Councilman Chris Roberts is working on the next step of getting \$100,000 added to the Planning Department budget to bring on resources to help develop a plan.

- **Site Selector Initiative**

As part of the GNO, Inc. National Site Selector Tours, JEDCO hosted six (6) Site Selectors on October 20th. Also attending and representing Jefferson Parish were President John Young and Council Chairman Chris Roberts. Lucien believes this to be one of the most impressive tours and announced that the Site Selectors are considering this region for three active projects.

- **Huntington Ingalls and the Hornets**

Lucien conveyed President Young's appreciation for JEDCO's support and involvement in the recent announcement of the \$214 million initiative that will assist in the Joint Venture that will keep 3,800 employed at Huntington Ingalls. He also expressed appreciation for JEDCO brokering a meeting between the "movers and shakers" of Jefferson Parish and the Hornets Coach and others representing the Hornets. Those attending pledged to do their part to help the Hornets reach their goal of 10,000 season tickets – 800 to go. Once they reach their goal, Lucien plans to invite the Hornets and the Parish President back to JEDCO for a press conference.

IV. Financial Report – Cynthia Grows

- **Monthly Financial Report**

Cynthia presented the monthly financial report and advised that there will be a 3.6% CPI increase for 2012.

V. Public / Other Comments

Dottie thanked Jennifer VanVrancken and the Parish President's Office for assisting JEDCO with the Kohl's project; approved by the Jefferson Parish Council on October 26th.

Chairman Blanco requested a motion to adjourn the meeting and convene to Executive Session. Motion made by Joe Ewell and seconded by Dr. Vinicio Madrigal. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Executive Committee Meeting Reconvened

- **Resolution authorizing Amendment No. 5 to JEDCO contract with Perez Architects for additional services provided through September 15, 2011 and to provide for other matters**

Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to defer this item to the next meeting (November 17th); seconded by Dr. Vinicio. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Lynda Nugent-Smith motioned to adjourn; seconded by Joe Ewell. The motion passed unanimously.



Lynda Nugent-Smith
JEDCO, Secretary