

Minutes of the Patriots Point Development Authority 531st Board Meeting, 9:30 A.M., Friday, September 16, 2022, Leadership Training Facility, Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Adams, *Vice Chairman*
Susan Marlowe
Zeb Williams
Pat Waters
Mayor Will Haynie

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Darwin Simpson (Zoom)

STAFF PRESENT: Mac Burdette, *Interim Executive Director*
Tauquincy Goodloe, *Interim Administrative Assistant*

Alexis Stokes, *HR Director*
Chris Coleman, *Director of Information Technology*
Chris Hauff, *Director of Marketing*
Gina Zahran, *Group Sales Coordinator*
Matt George, *Marketing Manager*
Mayci Rechner, *Public Information Officer*
Mike Hastings, *Operations Director*
Nick Magar, *Finance Administrator*
Sarah Edmiston, *Overnight Program Director*
Tamara Green, *EIA Coordinator*
Terry Ansley, *Property Manager*

OTHERS PRESENT: Chauncy Clark, *Yorktown Foundation*
Bill Craver, *Legal Counsel*
Brandon Dermody, *The Southern Group*

Vice Chairman Wayne Adams called the meeting of the Board to order at 9:30 A.M.

Prior to the meeting, a copy of the proposed agenda was distributed via electronic mail to the Board members, media and designated guests.

A. APPROVAL AGENDA

Mr. Adams asked for any changes to the proposed agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Adams asked for any changes to the minutes presented. There being no proposed changes, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Committee reporting. Nick reported the auditor's report has not yet been completed, so year-end financial are not yet available. Given additional expenditures such as the Laffey repayment, the staff recommends requesting an increase in the budget authorization from \$13.8 million to \$15 million.

Darwin Simpson reviewed the finance report (see attached).

Mr. Simpson reported that the Finance Committee recommended that the Board request that the State increase the budget authorization to \$15,000,000. Since this was recommended by committee action, no second was needed and the recommendation was passed by the Board unanimously.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Mac Burdette reported that work on the upcoming Halloween event is underway. Plans for the Veterans Day event include an exhibition of the Mary Whyte's art depicting veterans as well as a performance by the Citadel's Summerall Guards. In addition, Mac reported that he agreed with John Falkenbury to have the Medal of Honor magazine sold at the gift shop with the proceeds going to the Foundation. The Southern Legislative Conference is planned for July, 2023 in Charleston and the Conference wants to have their event on the Yorktown. Camping has geared back up to approximately 89%.

Mike Hastings reported that the work on the Clamagore is progressing very well. All batteries have been removed. Work is underway to remove the sail and planning has begun for the Marina opening.

Mayor Haynie suggested that Mount Pleasant Police be contacted about the move of the sub given the public interest.

Mr. Burdette noted that contact had been made with the Clamagore Association and that the move would also be coordinated with the Coast Guard.

Mike Hasting reported that the Office of Resilience will interview respondents to the RFQ in October and the project is expected to be awarded in November with work to start in December.

Terry Ansley reported that Patriots Annex is still awaiting DHEC approval for the land disturbance permit. Patriots Annex is planning the groundbreaking for October.

Christopher Coleman reported that staff is reviewing the Galaxy ticketing and admissions technology. Staff is talking to other museums about the technology they are using as possible alternatives. Patriots Point extended its contract for another year while staff explores other possibilities.

Chris Hauff reported that Patriots Point is working with Charleston County Public Library System to conduct Library Day onsite October 24th. Activities will include story time and food trucks.

Terry Ansley reported that the architectural firm Synchronicity is working on ideas for the gift shop/office buildings and will attend the next Board meeting to discuss planning.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACTUAL, LEGAL, PERSONNEL MATTERS PERTAINING TO PATRIOTS POINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Mr. Simpson moved to go into Executive session to discuss contractual, legal, and personnel matters at 10:07 A.M. Mr. Waters seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Members returned from Executive session at 11:03 A.M. with no votes taken.

G. NEXT SCHEDULED PPDA BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 2022

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tauquincy Goodloe, *Interim Recording Secretary*

Mac Burdette, *Interim Executive Director*