

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Special Called Meeting w/Sunset at Sunset Committee
March 4, 2010
1:30 pm

Members Present

Mayor Ron Klein
Councilman Bob Bobinski
Councilwoman & Liaison for SAS Karen Joseph
Councilwoman Carol Scott

Sunset at Sunset Committee

Marci Berry, co-Chair
Karen Dombrowski, co-Chair
Ann Bokelman, Secretary
Jean Hutchinson
Bev Williams

Others Present

Gary Parker, Administrator
Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

Joseph announced that the SAS committee would somehow like to do a bridge dedication in conjunction with the Sunset at Sunset celebration. There was discussion of inviting D.O.T. and State dignitaries along with the Gore family as the bridge will be named after Ed Gore's father, Mannon Gore. Allen Pope had written to Parker that the bridge would be completed around Dec. 14th but might be traffic ready in July or August. The Committee thought that possibly on Friday October 1, do a ribbon cutting on the mainland side that would last only 30 minutes to an hour to keep traffic from being held up and a small "gala" that evening at an inside venue yet to be decided. Then the Saturday celebration would be dedicated to only the celebration itself. The Committee will be holding a painting contest to make one the official "Bridge" picture for the town. Committee decided on a 24x36 size. Council thought this was a great idea.

Motion by Joseph that Council adopts the SAS committee suggestion that they have a contest for an official town painting of the pontoon bridge. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

Parker said as they went along they could get with varying department heads which will include police, fire, D.O.T. and public works to coordinate traffic and other important necessities. Scott felt they may also need to have a fire truck on the island side.

The committee was concerned about a potential problem as the prior weekend the Multiple Sclerosis Assoc. wants to do a regional bike ride that will involve 1500 bicyclists and finishing on the island. The committee felt it was just too close to their event and would leave the island not as clean, nor roads as smooth as they should be. It would also be utilizing the required departments two weeks in a row, which may cause difficulties by creating too much work and overtime for the fire, police, and public works departments staying on call for these events only one week apart.

Parker said the MS Society would be at the April Council Meeting to describe their event, answer any questions, and seek approval for it.

Parker mentioned putting in the 5 acre acquisition grant application that they are placing the bridge tender's house on this site, in hopes it would help get a grant. Ann Bokelman suggested maybe even contact the historical society.

There was discussion of what sections of the bridge did they think DOT would let the town retain as an exhibit. Possibly the bridge tenders house and the horn and lights. There was also a plaque the town wished to keep. Someone mentioned that Ocean Isle Museum wished to have parts of the bridge but Council was against it as the bridge belongs to Sunset, not Ocean Isle. They had no problem however, in giving them some small piece, maybe the plaque or lights since they already had parts of other old bridges .There was more discussion on logistics and bridge parts. They would discuss this in more detail as time went by.

Motion to adjourn by Joseph, Seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

Adopted this the 5TH day of April, 2010.

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Ronald F Klein, Mayor

Attest:

Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

