

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUNE 5, 2007
(9:00 A.M.)**

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the auditorium at the County Administration Building, 4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A) and U.S. 1 North, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present were: Ben Rich, District 3, Chairman
Thomas G. Manuel, District 4, Vice Chair
Cyndi Stevenson, District 1
Ron Sanchez, District 2
James Bryant, District 5
Waldemar Kropacek, Interim County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Lenora Newsome, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk of Court

(06/05/07 - 1 - 9:02 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Rich called the meeting to order.

(06/05/07 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

Rich stated that all five commissioners were present.

(06/05/07 - 1 - 9:03 a.m.)
Sanchez gave the invocation and Stevenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(06/05/07 - 1 - 9:04 a.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

(06/05/07 - 1 - 9:04 a.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Patrick McCormack requested to add the beach erosion discussion as 1a.

(06/05/07 - 1 - 9:05 a.m.)
APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Sanchez, seconded by Manuel, carried 5/0, to approve the special meeting agenda, as amended.

(06/05/07 - 1 - 9:06 a.m.)

1. WORKSHOP - THE PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE TO DISCUSS ROADWAY CONNECTION OF FERN CREEK DRIVE TO COUNTY ROAD 2209

Wally Kropacek, Interim County Administrator, reviewed this item, giving a brief history on the timeline.

(9:10 a.m.) Darrell Locklear, Assistant County Administrator of Operations, gave three options regarding the Fern Creek Drive connection: 1) do nothing, 2) direct staff not to make the connection, or 3) entertain a major modification to the PUD. Rich asked about the second option. Locklear responded. Sanchez asked about a final plat showing another connection at the end of Ivy Road. Locklear responded. Stevenson asked about graphics by Bill Hartman. Locklear stated he did not have it. Manuel asked what standing they had on this issue. McCormack replied that it was a county road, therefore, they had standing. Sanchez asked about houses abutting the road from CR 210, and stated that buses made two stops on Fern Creek Drive.

(9:21 a.m.) Joe Stephenson, Public Works Director, spoke on some of the traffic calming additions that could be made to Fern Creek Drive that would control the flow and speed of traffic. Stephenson spoke on the style of speed bumps and on the Board passing an ordinance for a 15 mph speed limit in that area. Sanchez asked about parking on Fern Creek Drive. Stephenson replied that parking was not allowed on a street, pursuant to County standards. Rich spoke on Fern Creek Drive being used as a cut through. Stephenson replied you could make the route less desirable, but you couldn't stop people from using it unless it were closed. Sanchez asked about CR 2209 being backed up. Stephenson stated that they would try to design the intersection at CR 2209 so it did not back up.

(9:36 a.m.) Jeff Adams, 2325 Aberford Court, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209. McCormack stated that the most advantageous course of action would be for the homeowners' association to file an application to close the road. Sanchez stated that there were laws that allowed a county commission to close a road. McCormack replied that the Board had the authority to close an abandoned road.

(9:44 a.m.) Daren Anderson, 1784 Fern Creek Drive, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(9:49 a.m.) Dimple Smith, 1803 Fern Creek Drive, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(9:53 a.m.) Shantel Sellers, 1792 Fern Creek Drive, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(9:59 a.m.) Irene Drakely, 2101 South Cranbrooke Avenue, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:01 a.m.) Matt Newman, 1220 Woodchurch Lane, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:04 a.m.) Kevin Delvecchio, 2509 Stapleford Lane, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:07 a.m.) Jeff Lincoln, 2552 Stapleford Lane, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:09 a.m.) Renee Patterson, 928 Beckingham Drive, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:12 a.m.) Mike Walinsky, 1796 Fern Creek Drive, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:13 a.m.) Pattie Machols, 2344 Aberford Court, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:17 a.m.) Kelly Jordan, 1787 Fern Creek Drive, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:19 a.m.) Jerry Smith, 1803 Fern Creek Drive, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:27 a.m.) Brock Johnson, 1759 Fern Creek Drive, spoke in opposition to connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

The meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

(10:42 a.m.) Tim Focht, 328 Stonehurst Parkway, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:54 a.m.) Steve Burton, 340 Stonehurst Parkway, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(10:58 a.m.) Mike Gilmore, 317 Stonehurst Parkway, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209. Discussion followed.

(11:08 a.m.) Clifton Reichle, 2627 Ashfield Court, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:12 a.m.) Zoie Samson, 1084 Beckingham Drive, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:14 a.m.) Doreen Gilmore, 317 Stonehurst Parkway, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:21 a.m.) Jennifer Halbach, 25 Stonehurst Parkway, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:24 a.m.) Brian Westover, 1075 Beckingham Drive, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:28 a.m.) Joshua Hill, 2324 Aberford Court, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:31 a.m.) Renae Focht, 328 Stonehurst Parkway, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:35 a.m.) Carol Westover, 1075 Beckingham Drive, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:38 a.m.) Vic Halbach, 325 Stonehurst Parkway, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:40 a.m.) Jeff Brown, 908 Beckingham Drive, spoke in favor of connecting Fern Creek Drive to CR 2209.

(11:41 a.m.) Rich thanked everyone who contributed to the workshop. Kropacek suggested a forth option for the Board's consideration: the right turn out only. Rich mentioned that it required 80 percent of the people within the development to basically assume that roadway. Stevenson thanked everyone for coming and asked to consider the option of the connection being built, but not opened until the CR 2209 connection was made to the north. Sanchez stated the he could not support opening Fern Creek Drive onto CR 2209. He stated that the main concern was public safety. Rich asked staff to think about right out only.

Manuel spoke on buying in a planned unit development, and stated that he approved of opening Fern Creek Drive as a right out only. Rich stated that he got a "thumbs up" from staff in reference to the exit on Fern Creek being a right turn/exit only, with no entrance. Bryant mentioned that this was a workshop and it was not advertised for taking action. He stated that he supported the right out only. Discussion followed on the right out only and sidewalks in new subdivisions. Kropacek asked about getting a consensus of the Board for a right out only. McCormack replied that he would need to look at the site plan to determine if it needed a major modification to change it to a right out only. (12:03 p.m.) *It was the consensus of the Board to go with the right out only, with Sanchez opposing.*

(06/05/07 - 4 - 12:05 p.m.)

1a. RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO SOUTH PONTE VEDRA-VILANO BEACH RESTORATION

Regina Ross, Assistant County Attorney, entered the meeting. Patrick McCormack, County Attorney, reviewed this item. (12:08 p.m.) **Motion by Manuel, seconded by Stevenson, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-160, as attached, subject to verification by the County Attorney's Office of \$140,000 and state availability and association availability.** McCormack stated that the County had already received some feedback from some property owners, with one stating that they didn't think that their area should be included in whatever future effort was done and another one stating that they didn't want to participate, if it was going to be privately funded. Discussion followed. (12:13 p.m.) **The motion carried 5/0.**

(12:14 p.m.) Kropacek stated that the Finance Department requested that he clarify with the Board if it intended to recover the study costs for the Treasure Beach Canal project in the future through the MSBU. Rich stated that there was no objection.

Darrell Locklear clarified the consensus of the Board regarding the right out only of off Fern Creek Drive on to CR 2209.

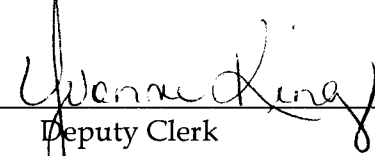
Motion by Manuel, seconded by Sanchez, carried 5/0, to adjourn the meeting. With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved July 10, 2007

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Ben Rich, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk