



**CITY OF ST. MARYS**

418 OSBORNE STREET  
ST. MARYS, GEORGIA 31558

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St. Marys Convention and Visitors Bureau  
400 Osborne Street, St. Marys  
Minutes: November 23, 2021 3:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order was made by Darlene Landreth at 3:05pm.
- II. Quorum: Yes. Present were Darlene Landreth, Judy Thurner, Mary Neff, Valerie Fautz, Mardja Gray (via conference call). Absent were: Jim Goodman, Jerry Lee, Melissa Braun, and Sugar Yadav.
- III. Approval of the October 2021 Minutes  
Motion to Approve the Minutes by Judy Thurner. Seconded by Valerie Fautz. APPROVED.
- IV. Granting Audience to the Public - None
- V. Approval of the Agenda  
Motion to Approve the Agenda by Valerie Fautz. Seconded by Mary Neff. APPROVED.
- VI. Other Business  
In "Other Business 1. & 2." Councilman Dave Reilly gave a brief update on the status of the regional significance of the Tabby Trail on the East Coast Greenway, the Winding Road trail connection approval that was passed by council for engineering and the status of the Amelia Island-St. Marys Ferry Update stating that Amelia River Cruises is now proposing that river tours be allowed also and the city is checking into that further as they do not want to oppress any local companies that may want to do tours. There may be a legal requirement to go to bid if the city is paying anything to the touring company. The city wants to invest in the water taxi service but likely not tours, so they are working through the issues associated with that now and they are not sure how long it will take to work something out that Amelia River Cruises will agree to.
- VII. Old Business
1. Cumberland Island Update – Pauline Wentworth shared that the Plum Orchard tours are open again on a limited basis with ten people maximum at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm. This includes bikers, Lands & Legacies guests, campers and Greyfield guests. The upcoming holiday afternoon ferry and Tuesday/Wednesday times are listed on the booking site. The museum is averaging about 15 guests per day and is being run pretty much by half volunteer staff and half NPS staff.
  2. Exit 1 Visitors Center Update – Wesleigh Reaves or VIC Staff
  3. Christmas Tour of Homes Update – Angela Wigger- Tickets are selling. We are confirmed with the five houses, three churches, and Cottle & Gunn.
  4. Staff Update – Angela Wigger- We are working well with the loss of Patsy with Robin Cross as back up. Robin is interested in picking up the extra hours on a regular basis, but we do need a third staff to run efficiently, so Angela will be evaluating exactly what we need and will move forward at some point in January.
  5. December Meeting Dates: Cancel or Date Change – Angela Wigger – Motion to cancel the December meeting and call a special meeting, if needed, before the next regularly scheduled January meeting. Seconded by Valerie Fautz. APPROVED.
- VIII. New Business  
In discussing "New Business 1. & 2." Angela said she wanted to investigate and move forward with some ideas for the St. Patrick's and Mardi Gras timeframes and wanted the boards' support. Discussed was a St. Patrick's Day Parade, S.P. Block Party, or even a St. Pet's Day Parade on Saturday, March 19. The Main Street was interested in the block party idea. Mardi Gras Porch Parade or "Yardi Gras" Challenge over a week or two timeframe was also discussed. Judy Thurner made the motion to support the CVB working on these and Mardja Gray seconded. APPROVED.
- IX. Hotel/Motel Tax, St. Marys Financials – Reviewed with board. YTD Revenue is \$105,087 and YTD Expenditures are \$51,891.
- X. Director's Report & Other Info/Events Updates – Angela Wigger reviewed the report and upcoming events.
- XI. Adjournment  
Motion to Adjourn by Valerie Fautz and seconded by Mary Neff. ADJOURNED.