

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUART CENTENNIAL TASK FORCE
TO BE HELD August 29, 2013
AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

**Chair, Mary Hutchinson (Absent)
Vice Chair, Sandra Newman
Eugene McHardy
Nathan Ritchey
Denny Hudson (Absent)
Anne Shafer
Virginia Sherlock**

CITY COMMISSION LIAISON

Commissioner James A. Christie, Jr.

ADMINISTRATIVE

**City Manager, Paul J. Nicoletti
City Clerk, Cheryl White**

Vice Chairperson Newman led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Committee.

OATH OF OFFICE NEW MEMBER

Nathan Ritchey

City Manager Nicoletti administered the Oath of Office to Nathan Richey.

COMMITTEE UPDATES AND ACTION ITEMS:

EVENTS (Sandra Newman)

1. Update Sub-Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Newman gave a brief events update to the Board. She stated that she has received a request by the School Board for a Proclamation from the City.

Member Sherlock suggested asking the School Board to present the Centennial Task Force or City a Proclamation in support of the City's Centennial.

Vice Chair Newman said she has secured the St. Mary's Church for the Ball on May 10, 2014. She also asked if the Committee felt that the Pancake Breakfast was being done too early.

She also noted that the letters are going out to those already hosting events encouraging the logo. The first activity that will be held is by the Historic preservation Board scheduled for September 30, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

HISTORICAL: (Eugene McHardy)

2. Update Sub-Committee Meeting held on (TBA)

Mr. McHardy was unable to attend.

President of Stuart Heritage gave a brief update to the Committee on their upcoming events in celebration of the Centennial.

City Manager Nicoletti asked if the City could have those events to post to the City's web site. He also asked if the Stuart Heritage would sign a license agreement.

Sandra Newman asked Mr. Ritchey what Committee he would be interested in assisting with.

He gave a brief background to the Committee and he said he is out and about and pretty involved in local activities. He is a Real Estate broker and he knows a ton of people. He feels that his people connections would best suit the Committee's needs.

FINANCIAL: (Denny Hudson)

3. Update on financial matters.

City Manager Nicoletti said that there has been a commitment from Seacoast National Bank for \$10,000.00 sponsorship and Attorney Ginny Sherlock for \$1,000.00. He thanked those sponsors. He also said that Tara Beik has agreed to work with Mary Hutchinson and the Task Force to facilitate the many activities and events leading up to the Centennial.

SPONSORSHIP/MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Mary Hutchinson)

4. Update Sub-Committee meeting held on

City Manager Nicoletti noted that they are working on a memorial project that will honor two men who served in the military who were from the East Stuart neighborhood. He said it could become a Centennial Project and designated for the street scape. He said they are working on what to honor those who contribute a sponsorship donation.

Tara Beik stated they are working toward a recognition program for those who are sponsors.

City Manager Nicoletti said that they are working on possibly a commemorative bronze plaque or something similar that can be purchased by someone.

Mr. Nicoletti mentioned the contribution idea from Stuart Main Street and said he would work with them on their project. He also stated that Sandy Thurlow's Presentation will be held on October 8, 2013 at the Lyric Theatre.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Min. Max)

Mary Dawson said she met with the Library and School Board regarding the Centennial events and they were happy to work with her and the Committee to celebrate the Centennial.

Anne Shafer said that the Women's Club are almost complete with their Centennial Celebration and it's events. She said she will be calling upon some people to participate in the show. The event is scheduled for March 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Tara Beik said she was excited to work with the Task Force and she is also on the Board of the Elliott.

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING DATE:

The Task Force agreed to the next meeting date of 9/26/2013 at 4:30 p.m.

City Manager Nicoletti stated apologized for Commissioner Christie's absence and stated that he was ill.

Ginny Sherlock asked if Tara Beik could speak at the Stuart Main Street meeting on October 26, 2013 in the morning about the Centennial.

Tara Beik said she would be happy to do that.

Nathan Ritchey said he would be happy to speak with any of the Task Force members to discuss the planning of the Centennial.

The City Manager explained to Mr. Ritchey and Tara Beik the Sunshine Laws. He explained the Task Force members are limited to any communications other than at the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT 5:24 p.m.

Thomas Campenni, Chair

Date