

Minutes Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission
Held June 9, 1999 at Sherwood Forest Country Club, Baton Rouge, LA

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Curtis Jelks at 10:15 a.m.

In absence of Secretary, Marilyn Bateman, the chairman appointed Don Browning to act as Secretary. Roll call was then done by Mr. Browning. Those in attendance included: ; E. Feliciana, J. Curtis Jelks; Pointe Coupee, Patrick Witty ; Rapides Jimmy Dubroc; St. Helena, Vernon McMorris; Tangipahoa, Richard Kent; West Feliciana, Kevin Dreher and Donald Browning. Mr. Browning stated a quorum was in attendance

Chairman Jelks then recognized public officials in attendance including: Leslie Tassin from the Governor's office of Rural Development; ; Mayor Toler Hatcher from Clinton, Mayor Sylvester Muckelroy of New Roads. Other guest recognized included: Bernadette St.Cyr, Glement Guidroz, and Kurt Kellerman. Other guests included, Douglas and Charlene Kent.

Minutes from the meeting of March 10, were approved by the group after a motion by Kevin Dreher and a second by Richard Kent. Minutes attached to Master copy of these minutes

Treasurer's report was made by Patrick Witty. (copy attached to Master copy of these minutes). Motion by Mr.Witty and second by Mr. Dreher to accept. All voted to accept.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Jelks requested that Mr. Ellis Magee report on the progress of obtaining funds for the Commission. Mr. Magee reported that \$75,000 has been requested from the legislature. He also reported because of some very good help from Senator Jerry Thomas, Senator Tom Greene. Representative Marioneaux, Gordon Burgess, Mayor Muckelroy and Pat Witty, the Senate Finance Committee had adopted the amendment to the General Appropriations bill that provided the sum of \$75,000 for the Commission for Fiscal year 99/00.

Mr. Jelks called on Neil Wagoner to report on the Economic Impact Study, Phase II as part of the Master Plan done by N.Y. Associates. Mr. Wagoner reported that the recommendations looked favorable, and that issues concerning the landscaping of the Parkway Area and proposed bicycle paths would be addressed as a separate issue at a later time. Mr. Wagoner also reported meetings with the U.S. Coast Guard and Corps of Engineers. He further advised that the U. S. Coast Guard will be the lead agency for the federal government in connection with the New Roads/St. Francisville Bridge project.

Mr. Jelks noted that several from Commission and Association will be going to Washington in July to gather support for the Parkway project. Currently planning to attend will be: Curtis Jelks, Patrick Witty, Mayors Toler Hatcher, William D'Aquila, Sylvester Muckelroy, Washington Parish President Toye Taylor, Tangihapoa President, Gordon Burgess, Ellis Magee, and Neil Wagoner.

Charles East reports the brochures and new videos are completed, and ready to distribute to members in attendance. Mr. East reported a meeting concerning creating a web site for the Parkway. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,600. Mr. Magee is working on a contract to have it produced. Once contract approved the finished project should up in a month's time.

Mr. Jelks reported that price of meals at Sherwood Forest Country Club has increased to \$15.00 a meal in the future. Mr. Witty moved that the group accept the increase, second by Mr. Kent. All voted in favor to accept the increase.

Mr. Jelks noted that the Sherwood Country Club requires that number of meals be guarantee prior to the meeting (Friday morning prior to Wednesday meeting). When members reserve meals, the Commission has to pay for meals not paid for. After discussion, Mr. Jelks requested that the membership be advised of this situation.

After motion duly made and seconded the group voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted Donald Browning , acting Secretary