

**City of DeBary**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**Wednesday**  
**January 30, 2008**  
**2:00 PM**

Florence K. Little Town Hall  
12 Colomba Road  
DeBary, Florida 32713

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Coleman called the workshop to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II. Discussion by Congressman Mica Regarding the Dredging of DeBary Bayou**

Congressman John Mica gave a brief introduction and asked everyone attending to introduce him or herself. He then introduced project manager Peter Milam from the US Army Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Milam explained that most of his projects are done in partnership with the SJRWMD; that the Corps has standing congressional authority to do work and briefly explained the different types; that he believes the DeBary Bayou project would be a good candidate for the Section 206 program, which is ecosystem restoration; that the program provides for a \$5 million total project cost; that the project should be based on the improvement of an ecosystem that has been adversely affected; that there is a 65 / 35% match split; that the initial step would be for the non-federal sponsor to write a letter to the Corp requesting a feasibility study; and that the study would cost \$100,000.

Congressman Mica said that a determination needs to be made as to what portion of the area is owned by FDOT and SJRWMD. Alan Hyman, FDOT Director of Transportation Operation, said that generally, there is a 300-foot right-of-way from the centerline of I-4; that the balance is owned by SJRWMD and Volusia County; and that he would ensure that FDOT maps out the ownership.

David Fisk, SJRWMD Assistant Executive Director, stated that they have done a preliminary evaluation; that they have found that some restoration activities would be ecologically beneficial; and that they might have funds at the end of this fiscal year.

Noranne Downs, FDOT District Five Secretary, said that FDOT would be willing to partner with SJRWMD; that they would take the lead; and that they would provide funding.

Mr. Milam said that the Corp would establish a project delivery team to include the sponsors, the City of DeBary, Volusia County and the community.

Congressman Mica requested a timetable from FDOT and SJRWMD. Ms. Downs and Mr. Fisk both responded that they would begin working on the study agreement immediately.

Herky Huffman, SJRWMD Board Member, expressed concern regarding what would be done with the spoil. Mr. Fisk responded that they market and sell the spoil if possible and would need to design a spoil disposal area.

Congressman Mica said that until the feasibility study is completed the project cost is unknown. Mr. Milam said that once the study agreement is executed between FDOT and SJRWMD, it would take one year for the study to be completed.

Congressman Mica stated that they would reconvene following the execution of the agreement, prior to the initiation of the study

**III. Adjournment.** The workshop adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**APPROVED March 5, 2008  
CITY OF DeBARY  
CITY COUNCIL**

**George Coleman, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**Stacy Tebo, City Clerk**