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Bayfront plan approved

Questions remain as grant process begins

Twelve alternative plans and months of study and public outreach later, a Bayfront design modification fashioned within 48 hours of the City Commission meeting Monday won approval by a 3-2 vote.

While a majority approved action on Reconnecting the Castillo & the Bayfront, commissioners had lingering questions and were assured they'll have more opportunities to discuss the plan's elements.

In other action Monday, commissioners discussed plans for the February 26 Noche de Gala and ceremonies for visiting Spanish dignitaries, approved a granite marker in the southwest Plaza pathway to recognize civil rights leader Andrew Young, approved Dr. Robert Hayling to be given the deAviles Award, and passed a resolution urging state legislative action to increase penalties for graffiti damage to properties on the National Register of Historic Places.

Costs, lane changes are among concerns

Costs, lane changes, and business disruptions were among concerns with the bayfront traffic plan designed by [Halback Design Group](#) through a Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks grant.



Pavilion on the bay

A pavilion over Matanzas bay is a bonus addition to the recent restoration of the Bridge of Lions.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) followed original plans for the bridge, completed in 1927, including surrounding entry parks.

An FDOT spokesperson says, "An events platform of similar design had existed prior to the widening of Avenida Menendez (though) instead of being located off the park, it was located halfway between the fort and the bridge."

The pavilion joins a River House pavilion now under construction. That was urged by Council on Aging Director Cathy Brown, who noted the lack of pavilions to enjoy the river's beauty.

Commissioners Bill Leary and Leanna Freeman voted against the plan, which would reduce two northbound lanes to one near the Castillo, with a dedicated right turn lane into the Castillo parking lot.

Planning and Building Director Mark Knight said commissioners will have an opportunity to reconsider the plan when cost estimates and a grant application are brought back at the March 28 and April 11 meetings.

The program was originally estimated at \$9 million, anticipating three grant applications of \$3 million. The first application opportunity is mid-April.



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Does it need fixing?

"I have to wonder if this needs fixing, if it's not broken," Freeman said. "I hear businesses saying they've had enough construction along the bay."

Leary questioned an understanding that no local fund match is required in the relatively new federal program, designed to improve traffic flow around national parks and monuments.

"I spoke to a federal official involved in road programs and he believes a 20 percent match is required. That could be nearly \$2 million (in the estimated \$9 million project)."

He also noted there are no improvement in the design on changing lanes from four to two to three along Anastasia Boulevard and the bayfront.

City Manager John Regan said the Sarbanes program "will allow us to seek monies for various elements" of bayfront traffic design. "I don't think anything could be started until 2012," he added, "and it's not realistic to begin realigning roads until after 2015."

Galimore pool to be city's responsibility

Saying "We're getting out of the pool business," County Commission Chairman Ken Bryan told city commissioners Monday the county will modify an interlocal agreement in September to turn the Galimore pool over to the city.

"We have 225 interlocal agreements with municipalities," Bryan said. "Forty are with St. Augustine. We are subsidizing these agreements, and we can no longer do it."

City officials had hoped the \$292,000 budgeted for West Augustine's Solomon Calhoun pool might be stretched to include the Galimore pool, but that idea was rejected.

The county has offered to repair the pool and turn it over to the city. Bids for repairs will be opened in mid-March. City Manager John Regan recommended the city take a cash settlement rather than repaired pool, "so our options are open."

Marina dredging planned

City commissioners Monday approved plans to dredge shallow areas of the Municipal Marina, seeking \$200,000, half the estimated \$400,000 cost, from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND).

General Services Director Jim Piggott told commissioners the marina "is in dire need of dredging to remove accumulated sand and silt which pose a serious hazard to vessels moored in the marina at low tide."

Piggott said the balance of funding could be drawn from the marina's reserve account.



High and dry - marina area at low tide

Marker, award for Civil Rights leaders

Dr. Robert B. Hayling led the local Civil Rights movement, while Andrew Young was a leader in the national effort.

Both were attacked and beaten, and both will be honored for their sacrifices.

Following City Commission approval Monday, Hayling will be given the deAviles Award, and Young, whose "Crossing in St. Augustine" documentary will receive an Emmy later this month, will have a marker at King and St. George streets, where he was attacked in June, 1964.

\$20,001 for St. Francis House

Mayor Joe Boles Monday presented a check for \$20,001 to St. Francis House Director Renee Morris, proceeds of the mayor's annual Nights of Lights Gala.

Planning for commemorations

A delegation of Spanish leaders, including the director of Spain's Constitutional Bicentennial in 2012, will be here for the Noche de Gala February 26, with ceremonies possibly including a document signing placing St. Augustine in the international consortium commemorating Spain's 1812 Constitution.

St. Augustine's Constitution Monument is believed to be the only one surviving in the Americas after King Ferdinand, returning to power in 1814, ordered all such monuments destroyed.

Gannon to encore Civil War talk

Dr. Michael Gannon, whose talk on *St. Augustine Catholics, Slavery, and Secession* during the Civil War attracted a turn-away crowd a month ago, will offer it once again tonight - this time in the spacious Flagler

College auditorium.

His talk will begin at 7 p.m. He opened a four-part series of talks on the Civil War in January in the college's Flagler Room. The series, presented by the Historic St. Augustine Research Institute, commemorates the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War.

UF support team launches effort

Secret shoppers assessing the St. Augustine experience, space for exhibiting some of the 2 ½ million artifacts, a million dollar renovation of the Government House museum area, and development of a community-based interpretive experience.

Elements in the works or contemplated as the University of Florida (UF) Direct Support Organization (DSO) gets to work supporting the university's management of 34 state-owned historic properties here.



The elements were described during the DSO's first session last week. The group includes heavy hitters in fundraising and heritage management, including a director with the National Historic Trust, a former National Park Service Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, and directors of the \$1.5 billion UF Foundation.

Those secret shoppers came from Disney World and Universal Studios, Florida's premier tourist oriented businesses, and a major conclusion of their visit: St. Augustine lacks a story for visitors - where to begin, what to see, a summary of the heritage experience.

UF Vice President Ed Poppell said a key to the heritage experience will be the proposed National Park Service Visitor Orientation Center in the Colonial Spanish Quarter.

"The park service designs its centers based on traffic, and plans a 9,600 square foot center for the Castillo, with a 3,000 square foot exhibit area," he said. "But we want a 10,000 square foot area to properly display both military history and the many artifacts stored at the university."

University planners are working with the park service and Congressman John Mica for the expanded plan.

Poppell said in addition to annual \$650,000 PO&M (Property Operation and Maintenance) funding from the state, the university is lobbying for \$1 million to renovate the museum area in Government House, \$1 million to develop a community-based interpretive experience, and recurring funding for all historic buildings.

"Above all, we have to understand that we are working with a living city," Poppell said. "It's not like Jamestown or Williamsburg. We have to be very sensitive."

Visit the [website](#) dedicated to the St. Augustine effort.

History's Highlight

Letters of Menendez - Invasion Force?

4 years, 6 months, 25 days to St. Augustine's 450th anniversary

From the translation of seven letters from Pedro Menendez to King Phillip II of Spain, August 13, 1565 to January 30, 1566.

In the fourth of seven letters to King Phillip, written from Matanzas on December 5, 1565, Menendez reports on disrupting French survivors' efforts to build a fort at Cape Canaveral, plans to pursue French, English, and Portuguese corsairs, and a dispute with the governor of Havana over imprisonment of a Spanish captain on charges "so trivial" as "that he did not dip his colors to the Governor at Cape St. Antonio."

Menendez wrote as respectfully as possible of his concern that he was not notified of plans to send 1,800 troops to Florida, and wondering if it meant the French were preparing an invasion force.

At Havana I received certain information that many French and English corsairs were going about at Porto Rico and Hispaniola and

at this island of Cuba to plunder . . . and that many Portuguese ships were doing the same thing.



I fitted up the flag ship and the three pataches with three hundred and fifty seamen in these four vessels at my own cost and sailed out of the port of Havana in the last of November to find, pursue and chastise them.

The day that I left Havana we discovered a sail, and I ordered the tenders to give chase but she took to flight up the Bahama Channel. . . . The next day in the morning we saw her (near) this port of Matanzas and we came up with her within the harbor, where her crew abandoned the vessel and fled in the boats to the shore.

I found her to be Your Majesty's despatch ship. The master of the ship told us that by Your Majesty's orders the officers of the Casa

de la Contratacion had despatched him to St Domingo and to Havana with Your Majesty's instructions that they should get ready immediately beef and fish for eighteen hundred men for nine months, for that many men were coming to Florida, but gave no letter to me from Your Majesty.

Considering that Your Majesty sends me 1800 men to Florida, troops and seamen, I suspect that the King of France or his vassals are about to send out some great fleet, and if this is the case, Your Majesty should understand that although I may resist them in Florida in the parts where I may be, they hold many other ports to which they may go and I cannot prevent them with the force I have.

They may be able to turn back upon some of the fleets from the Indies, for this is their whole design, and then fall upon these islands of Porto Rico, San Domingo, and Cuba, and will be able to take and plunder the

settlements in them and burn them and commit cruelties upon the inhabitants.

It might be that Our Lord would be pleased to give me victory over them and in order that I may certainly know it, I despatch this tender express to Your Majesty that you may be pleased to advise me concerning the whole matter.

Philip II Declaring his Faith, oil painting by Domingo Valdivieso, 1871

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 - Aviles Street test for outdoor dining / 16-foot skate park wall? / Workshop for Heritage Tourism and 450th / Utility lease plan eases burden / VIC restroom design - whose fault?
- **St Augustine Report October 9 2009**
 - Francis Field plan on city agenda / Proposal for bridge reopening / Aviles Street redesign / Leaks close Visitor Center restrooms
- **St Augustine Report October 6 2009**
 - Plan board considers docks / Basics in tourism planning / Youth agency plans new home
- **St Augustine Report September 29 2009**
 - Amtrak plan here advances / Skate park praised / Planning Bridge reopening / Only two apply for Plaza vending
- **St Augustine Report September 25 2009**
 - Progress on Riberia Street / Bridge of Lions reopening plans / Segways in police grant / Speed humps for Masters Drive
- **St Augustine Report September 22 2009**
 - Zaxby's opening here / Free parking times / CodeRed warning system / People United / Kiteboarding
- **St Augustine Report September 15 2009**
 - vending, parade ordinances adopted / Skateboard park future shaky / City, airport vie for Amtrak / Teen spoke for city preservation in 1962
- **St Augustine Report September 11 2009**
 - Hearings on city vending, parades / Sites for Amtrak station / 12-foot noise wall at skate park / Ship, festival are 450 Projects / Usinas get La Florida Awards
- **St Augustine Report September 8 2009**
 - City budget adjusts to economy / A School of Excellence forming / Excelsior Center adds artifacts / Groundbreaking for Hospice Center
- **St Augustine Report September 1 2009**
 - City budget hearing Thursday / Bed tax grant panel to meet / City celebrates 444 years / Contract for Foot Soldiers sculpture /

FSDB staff, grad in Deaflympics

- **St Augustine Report August 25 2009**
- City Commission passes tax increases, moves vending ordinances to hearings / Tree Committee gains greater role / City budget now online / New plan for Aviles Street
- **St Augustine Report August 21 2009**
- Ordinances address vending in historic district / County Commission looks at bed tax / St. Francis House gets a new coat
- **St Augustine Report August 18 2009**
- A better route for horse carriages? / 450th plans for ship, romanza festival / One very big horse!
- **St Augustine Report August 11 2009**
- Noise barrier, more enforcement planned at skate park / Plaza vending to be limited to market building
- **St Augustine Report August 4 2009**
- Bed tax advocates prepare for workshop / Forgotten bird bath among restoration needs / King Street flooding relief in sight / 'Expo pavilion' may showcase multicultural history
- **St Augustine Report July 28 2009**
- Commission OKs one style change / Tax/fee Increases cover budget deficit / Ste. Claire named Heritage director
- **St Augustine Report July 24 2009**
- Time for public input on our historic style / Florida Living History group forms
- **St Augustine Report July 21 2009**
- Mayor "saddened" at loss of historic sign / Appointments being shaped for 450th
- **St Augustine Report July 14 2009**
- Fish Island dock settlement approved / Mission plans Museum / Amtrak plan advances
- **St Augustine Report July 10 2009**
- Style, plaza, dock, taxes on Monday agenda / Senator promotes Caribbean connection
- **St Augustine Report July 7 2009**
- Battle of style faces City Commission, HARB / Plaza ordinance on agenda / Flagler fountain restorations completed
- **St Augustine Report June 30 2009**
- Spain's Royal Armory at National Gallery / Charleston's Spoleto, our 'Romanza'
- **St Augustine Report June 23 2009**
- Commission delays Fish Island dock settlement / Wendler suit dismissed, Plaza settlement proposed / Gullah Geechee - revising history
- **St Augustine Report June 19 2009**
- Fish Island dock settlement on City agenda / Amtrak service, depot here? / 450 Steering Committe meets
- **St Augustine Report June 16 2009**
- Our 450th - formal process begins Thursday / Sunken ship search being filmed here
- **St Augustine Report June 9 2009**
- City Commission chooses Colonial style / North City Waterworks Building restoration plan / State OKs mooring field permitting
- **St Augustine Report June 5 2009**

- 'What's our style' on commission agenda / Bishop's Building a question of style / City/County workshop a milestone
- **St Augustine Report June 2 2009**
- 1977 plan to recreate 1st settlement / West Augustine history cataloged
- **St Augustine Report May 26 2009**
- Plaza, style, Fish Island on city agenda / Website to track Riberia Street progress
- **St Augustine Report May 19 2009**
- Past is present with Concerts in the Plaza / Crawfish Boil draws reactions / City tour guide handbook, test revised
- **St Augustine Report May 12 2009**
- Judge lifts Plaza artist ban
- **St Augustine Report May 8 2009**
- Waterworks building 'a true treasure'
- **St Augustine Report May 5 2009**
- Ponce Mall's Regal Cinema closes
- **St Augustine Report April 28 2009**
- Commission asks, "What's our historic style?"
- **St Augustine Report April 24 2009**
- Public hearings to dominate city agenda
- **St Augustine Report April 21 2009**
- Room at the 450 table?
- **St Augustine Report April 14 2009**
- Fort Mose gains national status
- **St Augustine Report April 7 2009**
- West Augustine - finding the same page
- **St Augustine Report March 31 2009**
- City parking facility numbers climbing
- **St Augustine Report March 24 2009**
- Residency tested in HARB appointment
- **St Augustine Report March 20 2009**
- 450 legislation clears US Senate
- **St Augustine Report March 17 2009**
- Commemoration legacy - 3 exhibit centers
- **St Augustine Report March 10 2009**
- Ste. Claire named 450th interim director
- **St Augustine Report March 6 2009**
- Highway signage drives forward
- **St Augustine Report March 3 2009**

- Fountain restoration - two to go
- **St Augustine Report February 27 2009**
- High Court: cities can regulate monuments
- **St Augustine Report February 24 2009**
- Public comment - say positive
- **St Augustine Report February 20 2009**
- City retirement incentive program proposed
- **St Augustine Report February 10 2009**
- 'Bankrollers to End Homelessness'
- **St Augustine Report February 5 2009**
- UF Plan - \$37 million to preserve history



Reconnecting the Castillo & the Bayfront

Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Grant

Documents



Commission Workshop
*"Discussion of Alternates 12A and
 Potential Project Phasing"*
 March 14, 2011



[Commission Workshop
 PowerPoint presentation
 \(downloadable as PDF\)](#)



5th Commission Meeting
*"Discussion of Alternates
 7-12A"*
 February 14, 2011



[Alternate 11, 12 and 12A
 PowerPoint presentation
 \(downloadable as PDF\)](#)

Alternate Designs & Survey Responses

Public participation and feedback continues to be a critical component to the "Reconnecting the Castillo & the Bayfront" project. To date, the Halback Design Group Team has received valuable feedback from hundreds of participants:

- **427 responses** to the initial project survey about general ideas
- **800+ website hits & 110+ surveys** directly from this project website
- **250+ emails** to and from public stakeholders & participants
- **120+ attendees** in the public meetings from September through January
- **Community & Stakeholder Meetings** - see full list on schedule to right

While this corridor is complex and has a number of issues to consider, there are 4 overriding "[takeaways](#)" from our public participation program and study to date:

(1) **Address slow-moving traffic:** The horse carriage route has a direct impact on the design and the overall traffic movement along this corridor. The City Commission has been considering the issue of the route for the past few months, and the HDG Team has developed alternatives that work for either a south or north bound route.

(2) **Maintain business delivery and parking areas along A1A:** The parking along the west side of Avenida Menendez is critical to maintain for drop offs, deliveries, etc., but the east side degrades north bound traffic flow and blocks views of the bayfront. However, the removal of these parking spaces must be evaluated regarding the impact on the downtown parking.

(3) **Improve queuing for the Bridge of Lions & access for Anastasia Island:** Access to and from Anastasia Island, especially queuing for the Bridge of Lions, is extremely important. Our community expects improvements to make it easier to get to and from the Island.

(4) **Coordinate with the NPS projects in design:** The National Park Service visitor

Project Schedule (Note New Dates)

Data Collection, Research, Assessment, Framework
 July 26 – September 17

- Kickoff Meeting
- City Commission Meeting – August 23 - "Planning Kickoff & Project Update"
- Full Data Collection through Framework Plan
- First Public Meeting – Thursday, September 16 (evening)

Alternative Design Options
 September 20 – January 24

- City Commission Meeting – October 11 - "Research Findings & Alternative Design Intro"
- Conceptual Designs
- Preferred Plans
- Second Public Meeting – Thursday, November 18 (evening)
- Third Public Meeting – Friday, November 19 (afternoon)
- PZB (January 4, 2011 @ 2pm)
- Parking & Traffic (January 13, 2011 @ 9am)
- Anastasia Boulevard business owners (January 13 @ 6:30pm, Alligator Farm education center)
- Historic Area Chamber of Commerce (January 14 @ 8:30am,



[Development of Alternative Designs Executive Summary](#)



[Alternatives Comparison Chart](#)



These documents are from the January 2011 series of meetings. [Previous documents from the project are available here.](#)



4th Commission Meeting
"Four Alternates for Discussion"
January 24, 2011



[4 Alternates PowerPoint presentation \(downloadable as PDF\)](#)



[Traffic Analysis \(Review Draft\)](#)



Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)
"Four Alternates"

center on the city (west) side of South Castillo Drive and the fort parking lot impact this corridor. A central entrance/exit is critically important to improving safe access to the fort and for safe travel along A1A.

Based on the feedback from the public, the City Commission, the National Park Service, City staff, and other associated public agencies on the design issues ([previous work](#)) and alternates 1-6 ([previous alternates](#)), seven alternates have been developed: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 12A.

Alternate 12A is a mixture of previously reviewed designs: **Alternate 8** from West Castillo Drive to the new NPS lot intersection and **Alternate 12** from the NPS lot intersection to the Bridge of Lions. The alternate addresses many of the needs and requirements from residents, visitors, the City of St. Augustine, and the National Park Service, and the **Commission selected 12A at the February 14 meeting to advance into the final master plan phase.**

Alternates 7-12 are provided below as fly-thru models. Alternate 12A does not have a fly-thru model, but a diagram is provided to show the split between Alternates 8 and 12. PDF drawings of the plans and sections are also provided after each video.

Please submit any questions or comments regarding Alternate 12A on the **survey at the end of the page.**

Jeremy Marquis, the project manager, can also be contacted through email (jeremy@halback.com) or phone (904.825.6747).

Alternate 7-12 Traffic Analysis

The traffic analysis is now updated to reflect all 6 alternatives. All options maintain the current level of service (LOS) along the roadway and in the intersections, and some even result in nominal increases in roadway speed.



PDF document: [Traffic Analysis \(Review Draft\)](#)

This is reflective of the goal to move the same amount of vehicular traffic in a more efficient manner, while also balancing the needs of bicycles, trolley trams, horse carriages, delivery trucks, and pedestrians.

NEW Alt. 12A: 3 Lanes South (1 for horses), 2/1 Lanes North

- Prosperity Bank community room)
- HARB (January 20, 2011 @ 2pm)
- City Commission Meeting - January 24, 2011 @ 5pm - "Four Alternative Plans & Kickoff of Final Master Plan"
- City Commission Meeting - February 14, 2011 @ 5pm - "Six Alternative Plans & Kickoff of Final Master Plan"

- Final Master Plan, Preliminary Design & Engineering
January 24 – March 11
- Final Master Plan (based on preferred alternate), Modeling, Permit Requirements, etc.
 - Meetings as needed.

- Grant Application & Wrap Up Meetings
March 11 – March 28
- Meetings as needed.
 - Commission Workshop - March 14 - Alternate 12A
 - City Commission Meeting – April 11 - "Final Master Plan and Next Steps"

Note: This schedule is subject to change and is provided for informational purposes only.



January 20, 2011



[HARB: 4 Alternates
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Anastasia Boulevard
Business Owners
*"Four Alternates & Access to/from
Anastasia Island"*
January 13, 2011



[Anastasia Blvd. Business Owners
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Parking & Traffic
Committee Meeting
"Four Alternates"
January 13, 2011



[Parking & Traffic Committee
PowerPoint presentation
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Planning & Zoning Board
Meeting
*"Four Alternates - Consistency
with Comprehensive Plan"*
January 4, 2011



 PDF drawing: [Alternate 12A Plan](#)

Alt.12: 3 Lanes South (1 dedicated for horses), 2 Lanes North



[Planning & Zoning Board \(PZB\)
PowerPoint presentation
\(downloadable as PDF\)](#)



PDF drawing: [Alternate 12 Plan](#)

Alt.11: 3 Lanes South (1 dedicated for horses), 2 Lanes North, Landscaped Median



PDF drawing: [Alternate 11 Plan](#)

Alt. 10 "Baseline": 2 Lanes South, 2 Lanes North

 PDF drawing: [Alternate 10 Plan](#) |  PDF drawing: [Alternate 10 Sections](#)

Alt. 9: 2 Lanes South, 2 Lanes North (1 dedicated for horses)

 PDF drawing: [Alternate 9 Plan](#) |  PDF drawing: [Alternate 9 Sections](#)

Alt. 8: 3 Lanes South (1 dedicated for horses), 1 Lane North

 PDF drawing: [Alternate 8 Plan](#) |  PDF drawing: [Alternate 8 Sections](#)

Alt. 7: 3 Lanes South, 1 Lane North

 PDF drawing: [Alternate 7 Plan](#) |  PDF drawing: [Alternate 7 Sections](#)

SURVEY | Please send your input...

The Halback Design Group team would greatly appreciate your feedback on Alternate 12A. Your questions, comments and concerns will help guide the team and the overall design. This is our community's waterfront, and your comments are important. **Please note that only one survey response is permitted from each computer.**

[Please take our survey](#)

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More Opportunities for Feedback

The City of St. Augustine and the Halback Design Group team would like to highlight that continual opportunities for public feedback are available:

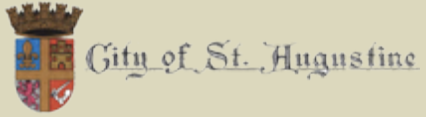
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Public Meetings
February 14 - City Commission

March 14 - Fourth Public Meeting (Commission Workshop)
April 11 - City Commission

Looking for the survey? Please see above.

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Interactive Map

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Property Listing



Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was completed in January 2009 to lay the foundation for property use,

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visitor experience, interpretive exhibits, educational programs and coordinated planning with the City of St. Augustine and other stakeholders.

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Memorandum of Agreement

In September 2010, the City of St. Augustine entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Florida Board of Trustees regarding management and operation of the Colonial Spanish Quarter and other state-owned properties.

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UF Celebrates Partnership with the St. Augustine Community: October 20, 2010

Remarks Offered by Vice Mayor Jones at the Gator Gala's Welcome Ceremony: October 20, 2010

Building Improvements Underway: September, 2010

About

In 2007, **Chapter 267.1735 F.S.** was enacted to provide for contracting with the University of Florida to assume management responsibilities for certain historic properties located in St. Augustine, Florida. The goal of this action was "to ensure long-term preservation and interpretation of state-owned historic properties in St. Augustine while facilitating an educational program at the University of Florida that will be responsive to the state's needs for professionals in historic preservation, archaeology, cultural resource management, cultural tourism, and museum administration and will help meet needs of St. Augustine and the state through educational internships and practicum."

In 2009, the University of Florida developed a **Strategic Plan** that lays the foundation for property use, visitor experience, interpretive exhibits, educational programs and coordinated planning with the City of St. Augustine and other stakeholders. In 2010, the State of Florida provided recurring Plant Operation and Maintenance (PO&M) funds to the university for the management of these state owned properties. As a result of this support, the university assumed responsibility for the properties in July 2010 and began working toward implementation of the Strategic Plan recommendations. A Direct Support



Organization (DSO), UF Historic St. Augustine, Inc. was formed in December 2010 to oversee and develop support for the properties.



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- [City of St. Augustine](#)
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- [St. Johns County](#)
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