



The Camden Partnership  
 Board of Directors Meeting  
 September 27, 2017

Minutes

Center for Industry and Commerce  
 531 N. Lee St., Kingsland GA 31548

ATTENDANCE:

James Coughlin	A	Debbie Lasick	P	Howard Sepp	P	
Bill Gross	A	Sheila McNeill	P	Alecia Webb	P	
Joel Hanner	P	Keith Post	P	Jim Wells	P	
Marty Klumpp	P	Lonnie Roberts	P	C.B. Yadav	A	
J.C. Knoll	P	Alison Shores	P	Walt Yourstone	A	P= <i>present</i>
Al Konetzni	P					A= <i>absent</i>

Guests: None

Chairperson Howard Sepp called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and introduced two new board members, ADM Al Konetzni and Keith Post.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 23, 2017, board meeting were emailed to members on September 20, 2017. No revisions were required. Motion to approve minutes was made by Marty Klumpp, seconded, and unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: In the absence of a treasurer, Chairperson Sepp provided the treasurer’s report ending August 30, 2017. Total assets were \$33,689.25; total income to date for fiscal year 2017-2018 was \$7,450.00; total expenses were \$7857.85 for a net income of \$-407.85.

To provide broader categories which to document TCP income and expenses, changes have been made to two account names: account 605 (income) has been changed from Special Events-Community That Cares to Special Events, while account 873 (expense) has been changed from Community Forums and Tours to Events.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Jim Wells, seconded, and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Meeting date is being settled.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT: The retreat facilitator’s report was distributed to board members and discussed.

EXTENSION OF BUDGET TO JANUARY 31, 2018: Due to the need for the cities of Kingsland and Woodbine to formally approve financial contributions to TCP before the Partnership can amend the 2017-2018 budget, a motion was made by Jim Wells to extend the budget to January 31, 2018. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REVISION OF MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS: The TCP Mission and Vision Statements were discussed.

Joel Hanner made a motion to accept the following mission statement, which was seconded and approved unanimously:

*Mission Statement*

*To promote quality growth and improve the quality of life for all residents of Camden County, by supporting and strengthening community relationships and by advocating, educating, and supporting the military mission.*

Lonnie Roberts made a motion to accept the following vision statement, which was seconded and unanimously approved:

*Vision Statement*

*To be the primary resource for and preferred partner in strengthening our community and military presence.*

REVISION OF SCOPE OF WORK: Based on the discussions held at the retreat, Sheila asked for and was granted permission to make minor revisions to the Scope of Work on the TCP brochure.

EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT TO JANUARY 31, 2018: Due to the budget extension, Marty Klumpp made a motion to extend employment to Sheila McNeill as President of TCP through January 31, 2018. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VICE CHAIR AND TREASURER POSITIONS: The Executive Committee recommended C.B. Yadav for the Treasurer position, replacing Stan Fowler who resigned in August. C.B. has agreed to serve. Keith Post made a motion to accept C.B. Yadav as treasurer, motion was seconded, and vote to approve was unanimous.

TCP bylaws are to be revised and a Vice Chair position added when the Bylaw Committee meets. A person to fill the position will be discussed after adoption of new bylaws.

BRIEFING OF ST. MARYS AND CAMDEN COUNTY IN OCTOBER: President McNeill will brief the City of St. Marys and Camden County Commissioners in October on the work of TCP to date, as well as upcoming events.

GEORGIA MILITARY AFFAIRS STUDY COMMITTEE: The State of Georgia's Military Affairs Committee visited Camden County in August. President McNeill provided a one-page synopsis of the local military for members of the committee. They will participate in a D.C. Fly-in

in November to brief legislators and plan to make the need for a technical college in Camden County their number one issue.

**DIVE EVENT:** To be held October 16-18, this is the fourth annual DIVE Event sponsored by TCP. Board members are asked to attend at least one of the evening social events on October 16 or 17 to meet defense industry suppliers. President McNeill asked board member to let her know which events they are able to attend. Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay leadership will be attending and local leadership needs to attend also.

**DONATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** Debbie Lasick mailed 300 donation request letters out and TCP has received \$1000.00 donations to date from five individuals. Hopefully, more will come in after the board meeting.

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Steven Sainz has set up a Facebook page for The Camden Partnership. Debbie Lasick will monitor and update on a regular basis.

**SUNSHINE LAWS:** Debbie Lasick reports that TCP is required to abide by the Sunshine Law as the organization if funded more than 33.34 percent from government funds.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Full report attached.

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joel Hanner is resigning from the TCP Board of Directors, as he has accepted a position with Georgia Power in Dahlonga starting October 16. Board members wished him well in his future endeavors.

November 3 is the annual WWII Memorial event. All board members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Meeting reminders:

- October 25
- *November meeting cancelled due to holiday*
- *December meeting cancelled due to holiday*

Meeting adjourned by board chair at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alecia Webb, Secretary

## **THE CAMDEN PARTNERSHIP**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**

#### **ACTIVITIES SINCE AUGUST 23, 2017 meeting**

##### **Ongoing – all require a meeting**

Chamber Military Affairs Committee  
St. Marys Submarine Museum Board  
Chamber Legislative Affairs  
Strategic Deterrent Coalition Board member  
Submarine Industrial Base Board – region leader  
Chamber Workforce Committee  
Dolphin Scholarship BoD  
Navy League's National Legislative Affairs committee

##### **Upcoming Trips and events:**

Triad September 28 in DC  
Naval Submarine League Nov. 1-2 DC - cancelled  
WW II Submarine Veterans Nov 3 Kings Bay  
Navy League National + Capitol Hill Nov. 13-15 DC

##### **Coming to Camden:**

Georgia Safety Board: October 11, 12  
DIVE: October 16, 17, 18,

August 24 – Meeting with new group JAG  
August 25 – Phone interviews with applicants for NLUS ED  
August 25 – Meeting with defense contractor Black & Veatch  
August 30-31 – Phone interviews  
September 5 – Change of Command - Trident Refit Facility  
September 6 – Strategic Planning Meeting  
September 7 – Change of Command - Group Ten  
September 8-15 – Hurricane preparations and clean up  
September 18 – Change of Command - USS West Virginia  
September 18 – County/Cities/Chamber/JDA  
September 20 – Executive Committee Meeting  
September 20 – Navy League Executive Committee – local  
September 25 – Meeting with new Group Ten Admiral

Other:

- Working with State Representative Corbett on State Military Committee presentation to Governor on top issues in state, which included Camden's need for a technical college
- Ads for Tribune and Georgian on support of TCP
- Strategic Planning
- Succession Plan
- Working with DoD representative on 2018 State of Georgia prospective issues