

Maureen B. Valentino

From: Stuart Kaplan [skapl@mindspring.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2009 9:48 AM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: RE: Tires

\$250,000 add-ons with FDOT for the Gulf Beach & Kingsport development.

Saw the article on the "Lion" casino in the PNJ. Let's see how the FKA reacts. If they come down anti-growth etc I predict an incredible hardship for them!

Things are not improving in our businesses. The next 3-4 months are going to be very challenging. This so-called bail-out program by the Federal Government is an absolute disaster. Why didn't they just cut payroll taxes for business and personal by 50% and the impact would be immediate? Stupid is as stupid does...

Appreciate all your support Gene. Hopefully by this time next year we can joke about all of this. We have both been through some very challenging personal and business issues in our lives and we seem to come out of it. I am hoping for the same results through these issues, but it can be very discouraging at times.

Regards,



Stuart E. Kaplan
 850-529-9100 (cell)

From: Gene Valentino [mailto:genev@collectorsolutions.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2009 9:32 AM
To: larry_newsom@co.escambia.fl.us
Cc: Dean Kirschner
Subject: FW: Tires

Dear Larry: Please get on the line with FDOT. This pisses me off! Especially with the same guy that got screwed with a \$150,000 'add-on' to his constructions costs at DFO just over a year ago. They've got to pay this one. If they refuse please circle back with me and give my all the contact information. I don't expect her to get any help from the contractor, but she can try. However, it's NOT the contractor's responsibility ... it's the state's as it would have been the county's..... I'm personally on this one...

Thanks...



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From: Stuart Kaplan [mailto:skapl@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2009 2:43 PM
To: Gene Valentino
Cc: Dean Kirschner; gtayl@mindspring.com
Subject: FW: Tires



Stuart R. Kaplan
850-529-9100 (cell)

From: Gail [mailto:gtayl@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2009 2:41 PM
To: 'Stuart Kaplan'
Subject: Tires

Stuart, I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your tires. I have been in a similar situation and I know how frustrating it can be. I would suggest that you contact the manufacturer of the tires and see if they will provide any assistance. I hope this helps.

*Best regards,
Gail*

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From: FRED GARTH [fredg89@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2009 5:23 PM
To: 'gene valentino'; Gene Valentino; Gene Valentino
Subject: Indian casino rumors

Hey Gene and Dean -

FYI - I'm sure you know Perdido is abuzz with rumors about an Indian Bingo Casino. My phone has been ringing and so have many others.

You guys have done such an excellent job of being transparent and keeping everyone in the loop. However, the lack of any public statement or information on this issue is fueling some bad PR.

I'd hate to see all the progress you've made take a hit.

Please let me know if I or the Chamber can do anything to help.

Fred D. Garth
850-492-6805 - h
850-380-6680 - c

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From: E. Dixon [perdidobaytribe@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2009 5:36 PM
To: perdidobaytribe@comcast.net
Subject: Letter from Chief Bearheart
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From: cyrus keefer [cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:05 AM
To: Gene Valentino
Cc: kirkman@cox.net; julian@innisfree.com
Subject: RE: DRAFT

To ALL
 I'm not concerned with Atmore
 I'm concerned with doing it right
 If this is done right " we're the only ones I worry about "
 Cy

Subject: RE: DRAFT
Date: Mon, 2 Feb 2009 07:33:38 -0600
From: genev@collectorsolutions.com
To: julian@innisfree.com; kirkman@cox.net; cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com

Julian...

Your response brings to the surface exactly what I was trying to elicit. The intention is to bring forward a Creek perpetuation plan. The issues I raised will be investigated as we all collectively move forward in our areas of expertise. The "Federal approval as a tribe" status you mentioned in the 2nd and 3rd paragraph below is EXACTLY my concern. Knowing the true authority vested in the Tribe gives credence and validates their ability to move faster than slower. Moreover, there appears to be a pre-existing understanding at the tribal chief and political levels. Mirroring Atmore's operation keeps us safe for now. But I've been told by Phil that this is not their area, as they recognize the territoriality issues I first mentioned when I was referring in my original statement as "regional presence".

Breaking the ice with location #1 is essential. The real "deal" with the county will follow as you suggest.



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From: Julian MacQueen [mailto:julian@innisfree.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 11:51 PM
To: Gene Valentino; kirkman@cox.net; Cy Keefer
Subject: Re: DRAFT

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From: Gene Valentino [gmvalent@co.escambia.fl.us]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 5:05 PM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: FW: Perdido Key Bingo

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thomal L. Kerr [mailto:tlkerr@co.escambia.fl.us]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Gene M Valentino
Subject: FW: Perdido Key Bingo

FYI
Lloyd

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Holmer [mailto:Andrew.Holmer@co.escambia.fl.us]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 3:58 PM
To: Lloyd Kerr (E-mail); Alison Perdue Rogers
Cc: Horace Jones (E-mail)
Subject: Perdido Key Bingo

All:

Greg Smith will be bringing in the administrative appeal application at 11:00 tomorrow. I'll send a copy of the documents as soon as I have them. We have 30 working days to hold the hearing so we'll start the scheduling ASAP.

Drew

Andrew D. Holmer
Senior Urban Planner
Long Range Planning Division
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From: Gene Valentino
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:30 AM
To: Alison Perdue Rogers; Alison_Rogers@co.escambia.fl.us
Cc: tlkerr@co.escambia.fl.us; horace_jones@co.escambia.fl.us; Bob McLaughlin (Bob_McLaughlin@co.escambia.fl.us); jdblackm@co.escambia.fl.us
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Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:54 AM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: FW: Prep For Final Comparison (DO) perdido Retail/Bingo

Gene
 Make sure Alison gets the word

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These machines will all be signed off by county to make sure they are skill games
Cy

Date: Sat, 14 Mar 2009 14:38:22 -0500

Subject: Re: Prep For Final Comparison (DO) perdido Retail/Bingo

From: jeff@innisfree.com

To: cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com; julian@innisfree.com; icmsebastian@yahoo.com; mpiell@mac.com

Cy

I did not have Phil's e-mail. Please forward to him as he should attend as well. Also copy me so that I have his correct e-mail for further communications.

Jeff

On 3/14/09 2:36 PM, "Jeff Townsend" <jeff@innisfree.com> wrote:

Cy, Matt, Joe, Julian

We were successful in getting our full application submitted by the Friday noon deadline. The final Comparison mtg will be at 1pm on Weds March 18th.

Although the routing sheet is technically not completely executed, each of the Escambia officials were consulted and have given verbal agreement. Horace (head of this process) will get the actual signatures prior to the Weds Meeting.

The County has received a lot of inquiries on the subject. The rumour is that we are building a casino. The County officials are clear that this is a retail/Bingo use. They approved 2 of this type of facility last year alone.

The heads up is that there will be a public challenge on the type of machines to be used. It is assumed that the bingo machines are actually slot machines. Of course this is not correct. Horace suggests that if our team shows up in force with our atty (Matt will consult ahead of meeting) that can say that the machines anticipated, qualify as a skilled game under the arcade amusement act we will be successful. Ideally the atty that Matt or Cy has should consult and invite the county atty: Allison Purdue Rogers. With her endorsement in the quasi-judicial forum, there will be no further doubt. Once Matt speaks to his atty, I will be happy to make any introductions necessary.

If there is any doubt about the type of machine, Cy suggested adding language like "any machines to be placed within this structure, must be approved for use by Escambia County". With this as a default, it seems likely the modification of the DO will be successful at this mtg.

There was also discussion that the county will 4 lane Perdido Key drive. The county failed to comment on this until early this week. Although not stated on the application, we showed intent that we would work with the county to achieve this. This is an important occurrence as the present limiter on the Key is trip counts. This will solve this problem. The present application on our site is designed to accommodate the addition of 4 lanes in the future. In fact, this accommodation only affected the parking count by one.

Matt and I will be following this up prior to the actual meeting.

Jeff

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From: E. Dixon [perdidobaytribe@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, December 13, 2008 9:32 PM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: RE: People of One Fire Newsletter

Thank you! I'll change your email in my address book.

-----Original Message-----

From: gmvalent@co.escambia.fl.us [mailto:gmvalent@co.escambia.fl.us]
Sent: Saturday, December 13, 2008 10:13 PM
To: E. Dixon
Subject: Re: People of One Fire Newsletter

Hello Edna... Boy this is great! I really appreciate you keeping me and Maureen on your email distribution. I enjoy reading the Creek heritage 'stuff'. Say, instead of emailing me here at the county's email address, please use my home email for this: genev@collectorsolutions.com

**Thanks...
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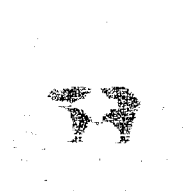
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Cc: Jeff Townsend

Subject: Here is the latest plan discussed today for the press release

- We met with Raad Cawthon with Ellis Bullock to begin writing the press release and to discuss the strategy for the timeliness of the release.
- It was agreed that the impact of the Dog Track vote should be absorbed by the community before a press release was delivered to the New paper and other media.
- It was also decided to expand the scope of the feasibility study to also analyze the economic impact of the area.
- Equipped with the ammunition of the economic impact and a completed architectural rendering of the Hotel and Gaming facility the tribe would meet with the Editorial Board of the Pensacola News Journal and then 'walk the halls' of the County Commissioners the week after the vote on the dog track.
- Raad will coordinate the content of the press release with the county media representative, (Allison?)

Someone please pass this on to Phil. I can't find his email.

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2009 3:25 PM

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Gene

Please be advised that no one on my staff or associated with Key Development or the Tribe will meet and or greet anyone from the county or those opposing this project until our review is finished (which is scheduled for 5/12) unless I'm advised by our legal council

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From: cyrus keefer [mailto:cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:54 AM
To: Gene Valentino
Subject: FW: Prep For Final Comparison (DO) perdido Retail/Bingo

Gene
 Make sure Alison gets the word

6/1/2009

These machines will all be signed off by county to make sure they are skill games
Cy

Date: Sat, 14 Mar 2009 14:38:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Prep For Final Comparison (DO) perdido Retail/Bingo
From: jeff@innisfree.com
To: cyrus_keefer@hotmail.com; julian@innisfree.com; icmsebastian@yahoo.com; mpiell@mac.com

Cy

I did not have Phil's e-mail. Please forward to him as he should attend as well. Also copy me so that I have his correct e-mail for further communications.

Jeff

On 3/14/09 2:36 PM, "Jeff Townsend" <jeff.townsend@innisfree.com> wrote:

Cy, Matt, Joe, Julian

We were successful in getting our full application submitted by the Friday noon deadline. The final Comparison mtg will be at 1pm on Weds March 18th.

Although the routing sheet is technically not completely executed, each of the Escambia officials were consulted and have given verbal agreement. Horace (head of this process) will get the actual signatures prior to the Weds Meeting.

The County has received a lot of inquiries on the subject. The rumour is that we are building a casino. The County officials are clear that this is a retail/Bingo use. They approved 2 of this type of facility last year alone.

The heads up is that there will be a public challenge on the type of machines to be used. It is assumed that the bingo machines are actually slot machines. Of course this is not correct. Horace suggests that if our team shows up in force with our atty (Matt will consult ahead of meeting) that can say that the machines anticipated, qualify as a skilled game under the arcade amusement act we will be successful. Ideally the atty that Matt or Cy has should consult and invite the county atty: Allison Purdue Rogers. With her endorsement in the quasi-judicial forum, there will be no further doubt. Once Matt speaks to his atty, I will be happy to make any introductions necessary.

If there is any doubt about the type of machine, Cy suggested adding language like "any machines to be placed within this structure, must be approved for use by Escambia County". With this as a default, it seems likely the modification of the DO will be successful at this mtg.

There was also discussion that the county will 4 lane Perdido Key drive. The county failed to comment on this until early this week. Although not stated on the application, we showed intent that we would work with the county to achieve this. This is an important occurrence as the present limiter on the Key is trip counts. This will solve this problem. The present application on our site is designed to accommodate the addition of 4 lanes in the future. In fact, this accommodation only affected the parking count by one.

Matt and I will be following this up prior to the actual meeting.

Jeff

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Maureen B. Valentino

From: Ashley Cooper [acooper70@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 7:34 AM
To: Gene Valentino; district2@co.escambia.fl.us
Cc: TFFricke@aol.com; 'Barry W. Beronet'; Ron Ward; 'Jamie Campbell'
Subject: Alabama Electronic Bingo- Very important rulings as background for Perdido Key Bingo Hall
Attachments: March 30, 2009 St Clair County Ruling Tab 9.pdf; Ordinance Ashville Al Tab 10.pdf

Gene,

It was nice talking to you this morning.

Please take a look at these attachments regarding recently approved electronic BINGO in Alabama. The ordinance to allow electronic bingo in St. Clair County was just passed in December 2008 and affirmed (March 30, 2009) in St. Clair County Alabama by Circuit Judge Charles E. Robinson.

Please note that Robert McKay who is the mayor of Ashville (largest town in St. Clair County) is a partner with the Shooting Star Casino who did all of the legal leg work to fight the appeal of the County Ordinance by District Attorney Richard Minor.

Conflict of interest?

The case law (state and national) discussion in the Judge's ruling is VERY interesting that legally defends electronic bingo which the Judge obviously affirmed. These facilities in Alabama (as ours will be at Perdido Key) are in fact BINGO HALLS and NOT Casinos. Electronic Bingo is simply a different (legally accepted) form of bingo. Our gaming expert Tom Fricke will be talking about this (and other items) with Mr. Barry Beronet this morning.

Respectfully,

Ashley Cooper

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