

VSC Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom Minutes, June 9, 2020

Attendees: Christine Johnson, Nick Mavrikis, Lorrie Liang, Steve High, Erin Duggan, Andrea Hunt, Virginia Haley

Virginia Haley provided a Covid-19 update and a look at preliminary tourism numbers for May.

The Committee discussed the traditional summer Board recess. It was suggested that Commissioner Maio's schedule be checked so VSC's schedule with align with the Commission summer schedule. There was a brief discussion on when in-person Board meetings would resume.

Virginia updated the Board on the County Commission discussion on Mote that was part of their budget workshop. They seemed to indicate that they would move forward on Mote as planned although many other capital projects are being delayed. It was noted that even with the most optimistic scenarios being used by County staff, the Mote Aquarium impact to VSC would show the budget going from \$4.7 in FY 21 down to \$3.79 million in FY 22. At that rate it will not be possible to sustain even some of the most basic VSC programs, office space, staff etc. The Executive Committee agreed that since the support for the Aquarium still remains strong, it would be best to strike a balance, quietly letting people know of the negative impact. There is great uncertainty as to the Aquarium timeline and uncertainty over the fundraising by Mote.

Virginia briefed the committee on the County Clerk's audit of the FY2019 VSC/County contract. Although VSC was not asked for a response, she felt it was important for the full VSC Board to approve a VSC response which Andrea prepared. The Executive Committee agreed it would be good for full Board review.

Andrea presented information on the Bill.com option for the VSC. VSC concerned about the \$6,000+ cost at a time with limited income. It was agreed that as Andrea develops the Operational Budget, she will see if there is room for this.