

Tallahassee Legislative Affairs Mission
December 1, 2015

This was the third organized visit to the Florida State Capital in two years by a group comprised of representatives of the City of Pompano Beach, The Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Council.

The meeting with the head of the Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jim Boxold was the highlight of the day. Secretary Boxold shared with our group his approval for providing Pompano Beach with the funds assigned for the restructuring of Dixie Highway between Sample and McNab Road if the City would submit a request. The Secretary had been informed by his District Secretary, Gerry O'Reilly that the Commission will meet on December 15 and is expected to formalize the request which would bring approximately \$4 million dollars to the City ~~for~~ towards funding of intersections at Atlantic and Dixie and MLK and Dixie.

Our meeting with the Department of State was also rewarding. Director of Legislative Affairs, Christie Burrus and Grants Coordinator, Tim Storhoff disclosed that our request for \$50,000 for the Blanche Ely Home/Museum, \$25,000 for the new Cultural Center programming and \$500,000 towards construction of the new Library are in a category that the slate of requests are historically approved and that it now awaits the Governor's signature. The final approvals of these items are tied to the final legislative budget endorsement and then the Governor's pen. Department of State personnel continue to be helpful in directing us toward funding sources and initiatives that would benefit Shipwreck Park.

The delegation also met with representatives of Visit Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Florida's CEO and numerous legislators.

The seven-member group of City of Pompano Beach Officials and local business leaders that traveled to the State's Capital was:

Mayor Lamar Fisher	Rob Wyre
Roy Rogers	Ric Green
Chadia Ghanem	Greg Harrison
Todd Anderson	

Familiarity with the state's leaders, agencies, and the legislative process, coupled with a program of calculated follow-up was discussed by the traveling delegation as the reason for success.