

**FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2008**

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CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:30 P.M. DECEMBER 16, 2008

Present: Mayor Naugle
Commissioners Hutchinson, Teel, Lewis, and Vice Mayor Rodstrom

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager – George Gretsas
City Auditor - John Herbst
City Clerk - Jonda Joseph
City Attorney - Harry Stewart
Sergeant At Arms – Sgt. Rod McGowan

I – A – South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Study

Sharon Cino, representing the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), indicated that FDOT is developing a master plan for the Florida East Coast (FEC) corridor, about 85 miles from Miami to Jupiter. Discussions are underway with respect to station requirements and meeting criteria for federal funding.

Carlos Cejas of Gannett Fleming, Inc., representing FDOT, presented slides concerning this item. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. He noted that in the end of January through February, there will be a series of kickoff meetings, including meetings with communities to flush out station issues. He emphasized securing federal funding is very competitive. The 25% local funding assumption is for capital. There will most likely not be all of the stations shown.

In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, Mr. Brewton indicated the FDOT will begin kickoff meetings in February and the City anticipates public workshops beginning in March with the matter coming back to the Commission in May.

In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, Mr. Cejas elaborated upon their notification list for the FDOT kickoff meetings and networking to neighborhood associations, business groups, property owners.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked whether FDOT analyzed the 13 Street corridor for a station. Mr. Cejas suggested the station information be viewed more as an area versus a specific location.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Mr. Cejas indicated northern portions of Fort Lauderdale were included with Wilton Manors and Oakland Park.

Mr. Cejas indicated there are about 96 station locations in total; that number will be narrowed down.

Commissioner Teel anticipated a station at Cypress Creek and Commercial Boulevard.

Mayor Naugle was interested in being informed about the process concerning the New River crossing because a fifty-five foot fixed bridge would eliminate Fort Lauderdale's

sail boat market. He emphasized the marine commerce in the City. In addition to the height, width is also important.

Mayor Naugle referred to single ownership with respect to right of way that eliminates a lengthy acquisition process.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom wanted as many accommodations as possible to be made with respect to zoning and land use to facilitate needed stations.

Action: The Commission provided input. See minutes for detail.

I-B – 2010 Fort Lauderdale Air and Sea Show

Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Director, summarized discussion on this topic in September when it was decided that 2010 should be explored. A proposed agreement has now been provided. He highlights changes from the last show as noted in the Commission Agenda Report 08-1841.

Commissioner Teel asked about overtime for police coverage. Mr. Thornburg said he assumed it would be overtime.

Commissioner Lewis asked about how an admission charge would be handled. Mayor Naugle believed it would be preferred or ground zero seating at one charge and other levels of prices at varying distances. Hotel occupants would not be charged.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom indicated that residents do not want the roads closed as early as previously. She suggested there be more staff to close and open the roads quicker. Mr. Thornburg indicated this has been point of discussion and will need further discussion. It is dependent upon the size of the event. The Promoter would like to close the roads for the same timeframe as previous events. Vice Mayor Rodstrom indicated that is not acceptable to her constituents.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked how much air activity is anticipated. Stan Smith, Fort Lauderdale Air Show LLC, said that is a tough question to ask at this stage of the process. It has to do with the military's availability. The show could be shorter. Mayor Naugle thought it unlikely it would be longer.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom explained the residents' concern is with the air pattern through the condominiums. Mr. Smith indicated he would bring that to the air operations director's attention.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked who are the sponsors. Mr. Smith explained the stages are to work through the contract, work with the military on the date and then begin conversations for sponsors.

In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, Mr. Thornburg recalled overtime for the Police Department for the last event was about \$350,000. Staff is comfortable with a bond of \$750,000. Mr. Smith did not think there has ever been a show that cost as much as \$400,000.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom wanted to implement the non-compete clause after the first year when the City knows what this promoter will do. If the show is canceled, she felt the City should be able to go out for an RFP for another vendor.

Dan Clark, member of Cry of the Water, noted problems in the past with offshore anchor damage to the reefs. A plan was put in place during the last show to minimize such impacts, but it was not successful or fully completed. He spoke to some regulatory representatives today and learned that the new promoter has not approached them. He mentioned certain coral that has just been placed on the endangered species list and there may be some Section 7 implications concerning the show. He recommended this item be deferred until there is consultation. Also, there is garbage in the water after the show in addition to the anchor damage.

Mayor Naugle suggested a clause be added to the contract that the Promoter would work to adopt a plan to protect the reefs.

Commissioner Teel thanked the Promoter for considering the Galleria Mall.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Mr. Smith indicated they are working with representatives of Fleet Week. Joe Milsaps, representing Fleet Week, indicated Fleet Week next year would be April 27 to May 2, but depending on the success of the show they may move the dates to coincide.

In response to Commissioner Teel, Mr. Milsaps indicated that Fleet Week would follow the show date.

Mayor Naugle commented how the show is a valuable military recruiting tool.

In reference to the non-complete clause, Mr. Smith explained that the City has the ability to cancel the event with or without cause. It would be a large financial risk for another promoter to take advantage of what they would have done.

Mayor Naugle pointed out that it would prevent a future commission from having two shows in one year.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom her concern has to do with the promoter not being able to secure sponsors. Mr. Thornburg said if the Promoter does not put on the show, the City would not do it. The City would charge for any costs incurred. Another promoter could make a request of this Commission to produce the show. Mr. Smith clarified the non-compete clause was designed so the City could not put the promoter out of business. It does not go into effect unless the City discontinues the show.

Action: Vice Mayor Rodstrom was concerned about timing of road closures and air activity. At the request of a conservation group called Cry of the Water, Dan Clark, expressed concern about potential damage to the coral reef by anchors. There was consensus approval as presented with an amendment for protection of the coral reef.

I-C – Project Learning For Life Mentorship Program – Community Hope Center

Alfred Lewers, Jr., representing Community Hope Center, explained that the Center is a non-profit ministry of the First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale. The Center is a faith-

based organization. He elaborated upon their programs and the proposed Project Learning For Life Mentorship. They are looking to secure mentor tutors from the City to assist 83 at-risk children at Dillard High School. They want to pair at least thirty with mentor tutors who are able to dedicate one hour a week for one school year. Currently, the Center has funding, but may need assistance in the future.

The City Manager explained the request is for the Center to be authorized to make presentations to staff to solicit volunteers. It would be done on personal time.

In response to Commissioner Teel, Mayor Naugle indicated the Center should submit their funding application to the Community Services Board. Commissioner Teel encourage the Center to work through the application process.

The City Attorney explained this could set a precedent with presentations being made on City time. Mayor Naugle indicated that this has been occurring all of the time. Both Mayor Naugle and Vice Mayor Rodstrom thought it should be approved by the Commission.

Mayor Naugle noted a previous program for Stranahan High School and the School Board.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom pointed out that this is a faith-based organization. Other representatives of the Center explained that the Center is a partner with the School Board. The Center is associated with the Christian faith. They elaborated upon the process and noted the materials are generic, academically based. The mentoring would take place during school time at the school. Mentors are screened; there are guidelines. Parents are informed.

In response to Commissioner Lewis, a Center representative indicated the materials are designed by the Florida Department of Education.

In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, a Center representative explained it is a strong mentor and a strong tutor based concept. Mentors try to help students not only academically, but also socially.

Elizabeth Hays, Education Advisory Board Chair, wanted the Center to make a presentation before the Education Advisory Board. She provided some information about previous attempts to establish mentoring, using City staff. She emphasized the need for more people to help youth.

Mayor Naugle agreed a presentation should be made to the Education Advisory Board.

The City Manager explained the City was attracted to this program because it was felt they could start small and see how it goes. His experience is that the children need someone to encourage them to stay in school and so forth. A positive difference was made.

Action: Consensus approval. Elizabeth Hays, Chair of the Education Advisory Board, requested a presentation from the Community Hope Center on the program.

I-D – Neighborhood Stabilization Program Plan

Greg Brewton, Director of Planning and Zoning, noted a plan was presented to the Commission in November addressing the foreclosure crisis as directed by the federal government. From the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, the neighborhood stabilization program was created. Fort Lauderdale was granted \$3.7 million. Ten percent of the \$3.7 million will be dedicated to administrative costs. This will be a small dent in a very big program. He presented slides concerning this item. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. He explained that the government has identified high risk areas. He referred to the slide noting the risk levels. The basic premise is to purchase foreclosed homes, rehabilitate them, and place qualified buyers into those properties. Staff believes that homeownership is the way to stabilize the community. The proposal does not recommend any funding for buying and renovating rental properties. If properties cannot be turned over in sufficient time, this component would still be in the plan. Demolition and land banking funds would be used when needed. An RFP is recommended to allow multiple vendors to participate in this program. Another RFP is recommended for a program administrator to deal with day-to-day activities.

Mr. Brewton estimated 20-25 homes could be built depending on the cost to buy and the selling price of the homes. The program does not permit profit. The rehabilitation is estimated at three months and the client eligibility process would take 2-12 months. Permits for these homes will be expedited through the Building Department because the target is eighteen months. The objective is to target homes classified as suitable for rehabilitation. The idea is to get the most benefit for money expended. They will look for properties requiring a minimal amount to rehabilitate in order to get qualified families back into the homes as soon as possible.

Mr. Brewton reviewed deadline information relating to public notices, RFPs, HUD agreement, vendor contract, land bank ordinance.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Mr. Brewton projected 20-25 homes could be purchased, possibly 30. Mayor Naugle noted that is such a small amount in relation to the need.

Commissioner Lewis questioned if the distribution could be equally spread across the districts to the extent possible. Mr. Brewton noted that 25% of the funds needs to be spent on a particular income level group. Other than that, the Commission may allocate funding as it sees appropriate. Vice Mayor Rodstrom referred to the primary goal is to stabilize neighborhoods disproportionately affected by foreclosure. The map indicates the areas.

The City Manager noted the two requests for guidance are concurrence on an RFP versus in-house and how the Commission wants the money distributed.

Lenar Robinson asked how the money would be allocated to multiple vendors. Mayor Naugle said that decision has not yet been made. In further response to Mr. Robinson, Mr. Brewton indicated that staff is suggesting an equal split of the 10% administrative fee to the vendor and City.

P. J. Espinal, South Middle River, noted the highest risk (red) area is primarily in District II. Progresso Village, South Middle River and Middle River Terrace are concerned the money may not be used to benefit an avalanche of disaster in their area. She was

concerned about owners of mass quantities of apartments, absentee landlords and Section 8 Housing Authorities. Their area is already inundated with Section 8 and renters. They believe that homeownership is the way to go. She suggested foreclosed properties and blighted areas be given as an incentive to retiring City employees and teachers. They want people invested in the community emotionally and financially. She noted one problem area (1028 and 1026 NW 3 Avenue) owned by an absentee landlord that is already in foreclosure. Essentially they want to get the most for the dollar and by fixing something in a highly visible area that has been a nuisance and a blight for a long time would be getting the maximum amount of benefit to the entire city.

Jerry Carter, Director of Economic Development Corporation, said they are currently working with the City on the housing recovery program. He believed this program has been established to address the housing crisis and providing relief to the City. The program is intended to prevent the elevation of neighborhood decline originating from abandonment and blight. There are four things needed for a successful program. Neighborhood stability should be maintained. The attraction of homebuyers needs to be stimulated. The idea would be to stimulate the market to attract private sector involvement. Lending institutions should be encouraged to be more confident about providing needed financing. This will help reinvigorate economic activity in all quadrants of the City. This problem affects 95% of the geographical boundary of the City. He referred to the City's existing successful foreclosure recovery program and commented that the concept has been replicated by the federal government. He felt by the media highlighting the foreclosure situation throughout the country a detrimental climate has been created. He emphasized the City should focus on this problem. He supported the strategies. It should be addressed throughout the city.

Janice Hays, resident, emphasized the importance of an open and fair process such as an RFP when public funds are being allocated. She commented that the number of foreclosures is startling. Every socio-economic sector is affected. She believed it will call for a collaboration of services between not-for-profit, public, and private entities to tackle this problem. Entities that understand the complexities of rehabilitation should be invited to participate. She emphasized this is not just about rehabilitation, but about families.

Katherine Barry, H.O.M.E.S., Inc., indicated that H.O.M.E.S. is a non-profit. She asked if property is demolished, what happen to the lot. Mr. Brewton confirmed the City's strategy would allow a new home to be built on that lot. Ms. Barry asked about small rental, duplex, triplex, quad-plex. Mayor Naugle advised the City will be making that determination. Ms. Barry asked how the City would address the 25% portion that has to go to low and very low-income families. Mayor Naugle indicated homeownership is a requirement and would be used for that segment. In further response, Mr. Brewton confirmed the City will try to create a lender pool with standard requirements.

Tam English, City of Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority, explained the purpose for the Authority being established by the City in 1938. The Authority met with Mayor Naugle, the City Manager and staff and provided input on this. What is now on the table is pretty close to what they envisioned in the beginning. There are some issues. If the City is able to sell every house for what has been invested in it, the \$3.7 million will be turned over 3, 5, 7 times during the five year period envisioned by the plan. If it is successful, as time goes by, home prices will increase and the money will be used. By the end of the program there could be well over a hundred homes affected. Proper management is

important. Another issue is timing. Whoever is selected must be able to move on it quickly. The Housing Authority has done over 150 foreclosures between 1997 and 2002. There are properties in every district that need attention. He emphasized the importance of focusing on key areas, such as entryways. Too much governmental oversight will paralyze the program.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom wanted to lower the 10% administrative to 7%. Mayor Naugle pointed out the City has 5% and the selected organization would be eligible for 5%. Vice Mayor Rodstrom was opposed to hiring someone to oversee the program when there is a building slowdown. She emphasized the importance of efficiency and speed. She did not want to use an RFP at this time because it will slow the process down. The RFP may be appropriate with the next round of money received. She was impressed with the Housing Authority's proposal. Her role is to make sure the foreclosure program is well handled and neighborhoods are brought up, not that multiple vendors are used.

The City Manager questioned being able to make a vendor selection without a formalized professional process. Mayor Naugle pointed out that the Housing Authority is a government agency, not a non-profit. Mr. Brewton explained staff made their recommendation based on how the Commission has allocated funding in the past for such projects. There may be one vendor to do this, but an RFP process has always been done used. Staff recommended several vendors be used so that multiple vendors could be working on 8-9 each instead of one vendor working on all of them.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked if anything would be lost if one vendor faulted. The City Attorney indicated if the question is whether to give it to the Housing Authority today, it is not possible. The regulations require competition in the process. It could be awarded to the Housing Authority through the competitive process or by amending the plan with HUD, making the Housing Authority a sub-grantee. Vice Mayor Rodstrom did not object to a competitive process, but did not want it to slow the entire process down.

The City Manager noted the competitive process always slows things down, but it is used to prevent fraud and so forth. This is why governments have layers. Using multiple vendors will streamline the process.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked what would happen if multiple vendors were used and one of them did not finish on time. Mayor Naugle indicated that portion of the funds would be returned to the federal government or the City would request an extension. The City Attorney said it would be the same thing if only one vendor was chosen and they did not finish. The Neighborhood Stabilization rules are still being written. Wayne Jessup, Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning, pointed out that the money could be transferred to the other vendors and the plan amended.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom was concerned about the City not complying within the allotted timeline and the impact that might have on future funding.

In response to Commissioner Hutchinson, the City Attorney reiterated that the rules for this program are a work in progress. The rules so far require a competitive process or the work can be given to one vendor without a competitive process if the City's plan identifies that vendor as a sub-grantee. The City would have to amend its plan.

In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, Mr. Brewton indicated the City is in the process of amending their plan at this time.

The City Manager pointed out another option is a competitive process, with language in the RFP giving the flexibility for one vendor.

Kirk Buffington, Director of Procurement Services, advised that an RFP could be released by the end of December. It will be on the streets for 3-4 weeks; then an evaluation process. Staff has been fast-tracking this.

In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, the City Attorney said that if the Commission decides today to amend the plan, the matter would come back to the Commission in January. Only one reading would be required. Mr. Buffington anticipated contract awards by the second meeting in February. The City Manager offered to look into whether the RFP timeline could be compressed. Mr. Buffington indicated the time that the RFP is on the street could be compressed and the award brought to the Commission possibly by the first meeting in February. Vice Mayor Rodstrom agreed to the RFP process with that understanding.

Commissioner Teel preferred to take deliberative movement and to have choices. She felt the timeline is reasonable. The Housing Authority has a lot of pluses and other things will come forward.

Commissioner Hutchinson also supported the RFP process, although she was confident in the Housing Authority's abilities. Thirty days is reasonable.

In response to Mayor Naugle, there was no objection to setting forth that the plan will include abandoned single family structures only.

Commissioner Hutchinson felt it is important to touch every area of the city as best as possible. Mayor Naugle commented that the red and orange areas (shown in slide 2) of the map concentrate in about one-third of the city geographically. Vice Mayor Rodstrom noted that is also the most amount of need and would be in compliance with the program guidelines.

The City Manager pointed out without guidance, one red area could be selected.

Commissioner Teel felt the program needs to touch all areas of the city. She referred to Mr. English's suggestion to look for properties with the most visibility and wanted that provision included in the RFP.

Mayor Naugle did not want to offer a 0% deferred loan. A pool of lenders should be identified.

The City Auditor felt it is unrealistic to think that a property could sell in one month. While it is vacant, appliances will be striped out. He suggested a rent-to-own option be considered. Commissioner Teel suggested the appliances not be installed until the contract is agreed to. Mr. Brewton said staff's goal is to match a buyer with a home prior to the purchase.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom felt priority should be placed on the red, then orange and so forth. There was no objection. Mayor Naugle felt there is plenty to consider in the red and orange.

The City Manager understood as equal distribution as possible of the red first. Additionally there should be concentration on high profile areas. Mayor Naugle added that high crime areas should also be a preference. Vice Mayor Rodstrom concurred.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked and there was no objection to the idea of pursuing additional funding when it is offered.

Action: There was consensus for an RFP with a recommendation by the first meeting in February, 2009 and the following parameters: 1) abandoned single family only; 2) citywide program to the extent possible; address areas shown (in the backup materials) in red first with equal distribution citywide to the extent possible, including high visibility locations and high crime areas; 3) houses should be for sale with a pool of lenders identified and no forgiveable loans; 4) goal of identifying a potential owner before the rehabilitation process. There was also consensus to pursue additional funding as it becomes available. Vice Mayor Rodstrom was opposed to an add to staff to administer the program and an RFP process. She wanted to reduce the administrative cost from 10% to 7%. She supported the Housing Authority's proposal. Commissioner Teel wanted the RFP to include the request that high visibility locations be identified.

NOTE: The Commission recessed and convened as the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors from 3:36 p.m. to 3:39 p.m.

II-A – Emergency Notification System Services – Emergency Purchase

No discussion.

III-B – Board and Committee Vacancies

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Audit Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken

Cemetery System Board of Trustees

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Citizen's Police Review Board

Commissioner Lewis recommended appointment of Edwin P. Parke to the Citizen's Police Review Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson recommended Patrick Kerney as a consensus appointment to the Citizens Police Review Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Code Enforcement Board

Commissioner Hutchinson recommended Margaret Croxton and Ronald Perkins as consensus appointments to the Code Enforcement Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Community Appearance Board

Mayor Naugle recommended Ellen Fischer to the Community Appearance Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Community Services Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Economic Development Advisory Board

Commissioner Hutchinson recommended Sean de Vosjoli to the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Education Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Insurance Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

International Swimming Hall of Fame

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Marine Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Nuisance Abatement Board

Commissioner Teel recommended Laurie Watkins be reinstated to the Nuisance Abatement Board.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom recommended Ted Fling as a consensus appointment to the Nuisance Abatement Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Planning and Zoning Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Police and Firefighters Retirement System Board of Trustees

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Unsafe Structures and Housing Appeals Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Utility Advisory Committee

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

IV – City Commission Reports

State Road 7 Collaborative

Commissioner Teel indicated she attended the State Road 7 Collaborative. The Collaborative will be meeting with cities concerning preferences on bus stop shelters for the rapid bus service. The ADA requirements will be included.

Entranceway; The Landings

Commissioner Teel noted The Landings entranceway and signage is completed. The contractor did an excellent job.

Newsracks; 33 Avenue; Dolphin Isles

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked about 33 Avenue – Dolphin Isles newsracks picked up by the City. New newsracks have been repositioned there. She did not want them removed until the situation is resolved. Valerie Bohlander, Director of Building Services, indicated that staff is looking into it.

Action: Vice Mayor Rodstrom had received complaints about newsracks on 33 Avenue that were removed and asked the City Manager to followup on this as the newsracks were purchased by the Dolphin Isles neighborhood.

Pathway designation; Sunrise Lane area and status of area renovations

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked if a designated pathway to cross the street in the A-1-A and Sunrise Boulevard area could be designed to attract pedestrians into Sunrise Lane. Mayor Naugle referred her to Broward County Traffic Engineering. Vice Mayor Rodstrom first wanted a design drawn.

Mayor Naugle understood and Vice Mayor Rodstrom agreed that the idea is to direct people to Sunrise Lane. Mayor Naugle indicated it could be done as a special assessment similar to the Galt Ocean Mile. Vice Mayor Rodstrom indicated another option would be a business capital improvement program grant (BCIP), but she did not know if the drawing could be included. The City Manager agreed the idea needs work. Staff believes a holistic approach is necessary but the owners want just streetscape funding. The owners do not take care of their properties nor are they willing to invest. They have been approached on numerous occasions. They were unwilling to join the Beach Business Improvement District. They have been unwilling to do any self-policing. Mayor Naugle advised that the City would not prepare a drawing for them. The City Manager noted that they are not united.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom indicated this group has done some things but is waiting for the parking garage to be built. He asked for an update regarding renovations being done by Blackstone.

Action: Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked if a designated pathway to the cross the street in the A-1-A and Sunrise Boulevard area could be designed to attract pedestrians into Sunrise Lane. Mayor Naugle indicated this group should apply for a business capital improvement program (BCIP) grant for a design drawing. In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, the City Manager offered to furnish a status report on renovation work by Blackstone in that area.

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School; 2008 State Football Championship

Vice Mayor Rodstrom announced that St. Thomas Aquinas High School football team will play Lakeland for the state championship this Friday at 7:00 p.m. in Orlando. The game will be broadcast live on Sun Sport network. St. Thomas Aquinas is currently ranked first in the country. There was no objection to her request that if the team wins, they should be recognized at a Commission meeting.

Police Department

Commissioner Lewis thanked the Police Department for making their presence more known in her district.

Nuisance Abatement Board

Commissioner Lewis noted that she attended a Nuisance Abatement Board meeting and plans to do so in the future.

Complaint Policy

Commissioner Hutchinson questioned who was responsible for the policy change to accept anonymous complaints. Cate McCaffrey, Director of Business Enterprises, recalled it was discussed at a conference meeting but she was not 100% certain. She believed it was brought forward by staff. Mayor Naugle requested a copy of the minutes. He explained why anonymous complaints were not accepted historically and that the City also accepts complaints from the neighborhood association. He was not aware that the policy had changed.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom pointed out that a resident could bring the complaint to a commissioner, so that the complaint is registered in the commissioner's name.

Action: Commissioner Hutchinson wanted some historical information on how complaints are handled and whether anonymous complaints are accepted.

Centennial Celebration Committee

Commissioner Hutchinson referred to a letter from the Council of Civic Associations, requesting a seat on the Centennial Celebration Committee. Mayor Naugle wanted to know if anyone on the committee is also associated with the council. Such an individual could be designated to report back to the council. He was not in favor of expanding the membership.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom wished the Commission would have been informed earlier so that it could be accommodated.

Action: Commissioner Hutchinson indicated that the Council of Civic Associations would like to be represented on the Centennial Celebration Committee by serving. Mayor Naugle suggested it be determined if any committee member is also a member of the council.

Winterfest Boat Parade

Mayor Naugle remarked on the huge success of the Winterfest boat parade.

V – City Manager Reports

Renovation work at City Manager's residence

The City Manager referred to a comment made at a neighborhood forum that Building Services gave his building permit special treatment which is not true. He provided a fact sheet concerning renovations at his residence. A copy of the fact sheet was made a part of the meeting record.

New Year's Eve Celebration

The City Manager announced the upcoming New Year's Eve celebration.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:07 p. m.