

Regular Meeting of the
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, August 11, 2005
AutoNation Tower
8th Floor, Community Room

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Charles B. Ladd, Chair
Alan C. Hooper, Vice Chair
Peter Feldman, Secretary
Jack T. Loos, Treasurer
Gale Butler, Board Member
Douglas P. Eagon, Board Member
William R. Scherer, Board Member
John M. Milledge, General Counsel
Chris Wren, Executive Director
Antonia Martinez- Temporary Administrative Aide

ALSO PRESENT: Chuck Adams
Leslie Backus
Ron Hicks
Renee Quinn
Patsy Mennuti
Phil Smelley
Elizabeth Veliky
Neil Sterling
Louis Mercado

PRESIDING: Charles Ladd, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Chair Ladd. Immediately following Roll Call, the Consent Agenda items were motioned for acceptance by Mr. Loos, seconded by Mr. Eagon and all were in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Willer briefly presented the Police report stating that crime was down for the month of July. He also noted that there were sixty-two arrests for miscellaneous issues for the month. One other note

he added due to the high volume of people because of the summer they added an officer on foot patrol and another on officer 'bike'.

STAFF & CONSULTANT UPDATE

Mr. Wren introduced *Elizabeth Veliky* as the Urban Planner. Ms. Veliky introduced herself by giving a brief summary of the schooling and work history.

Mr. Wren ask Mr. Louis Mercado to say a few words because he is leaving the agency to work out of the country. Mr. Mercado thank the DDA board and Mr. Wren for the opportunity to consult with the agency. Mr. Mercado also gave his final update on the progress of the trolley.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Ron Hicks, Department Director at City of Ft. Lauderdale introduce himself. Hick informed the boards of his priorities for the city are the beaches, streetscapes, and the skyline. Mr. Hooper welcomes him to his new post. Mr. Hooper requested that --- Mr. Eagon asked him if there has been a mock project to go thru the building department to get a permit. He states it takes a ridicules amount of time for permitting to go thru. Mr. Hicks stated there has been some discussion of having that done however he has not had a chance to put a project thru the process but he will soon. Mr. Hicks requested anyone with projects in the "pipeline" that have any trouble please call Valerie. Mr. Hicks stated as soon as he gets back to his office he will forward all board members his contact information.

RIVERWALK TRUST

Renee Quinn, President asked her Executive director to give an update on the Riverwalk Magazine

PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF UPDATE

Phil Smelley, Sr. VP of Parsons Brinckerhoff Transit Division introduced his staff. Mr. Smelley presented an update on the project. Board Member ----asked that he addressed specific timelines and milestones

DDA 2005/2006 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mr. Chris Wren introduced Mr. Chuck Adams and Ms. Leslie Backus and informed the Board of their involvement (overall and Marketing, respectively) in the preparation of the proposed Budget figures.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted:

Antonia R. Martinez
DDA Staff

A taped recording of the proceedings of the August 11, 2005, Regular Meeting of the Board is on file in the DDA offices, 101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 350, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.