

Special Board Workshop of the
Downtown Development Authority
Monday, October 12, 2009
City of Fort Lauderdale Planning & Zoning Office
700 NW 19th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 @ 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD PRESENT: Charlie Ladd, Chairman
Dennis O'Shea, Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director
Elizabeth Van Zandt, DDA Planning & Design Manager
John Milledge, DDA General Counsel
Leigh Kerr
Jimmy Koeth
Renee Cross
Wayne Jessup
Anthony Frajado
Dennis Girisgen
Ella Parker

The meeting started at 3:34 p.m.

The meeting attendees joined a meeting that was already in progress between DDA and City staff.

Mrs. Cross explained to those that came in for the workshop that the City is examining the current level of service (LOS) provisions within their comprehensive plan as it relates to the requirements imposed on private developers upon reaching a LOS "D" or worse (based on a grading system). Discussion was held regarding the history of the downtown being exempt from this type of concurrency provision. Mr. Milledge said he will check on what is current in terms of the downtown still being exempt (which would eliminate the need to address LOS mitigation) and will report back.

Mr. Wren explained the intent of workshop, which was a directive from his Board of Director's. He provided the history of partnering with the City and putting in a land use application back in 2004 for an additional 13,000 units and at the end of the process, the County granted only 3,000. He mentioned that since getting direction from his Board, an official letter was sent to Mr. Gretsas (with copies sent to Planning & Zoning) and that this workshop was the first step in the process.

Mr. Jessup indicated the plan of action should be to meet with Mr. Gretsas and then do a formal presentation to the City Commission on the desire to start the land use amendment process.

Discussion was held regarding the points of contact on the City's side. Mr. Jessup indicated Mr. Fajardo would be the direct contact and Mr. Koeth would also be involved.

Mr. Ladd discussed some of the immediate projects the DDA is trying to move forward with that will cost very little, but will ultimately have a significant impact. He gave an example of eliminating the right turn lane from Las Olas Blvd turning onto 3rd Avenue (heading south) to allow for wider

sidewalks and an enhanced pedestrian realm in front of the Sun-Sentinel building.

Discussion was held regarding FDOT'S East/West (E/W) project as it relates to the proposed route and technology. An extension to the Wave was brought up to reduce the number of transfers a user would have to make (from Tri-Rail to the proposed E/W, to the planned Wave). Mr. Ladd asked that Parsons Brinckerhoff provide input on this E/W extension of the Wave (capacity, cost, and timing).

As there were no other items to discuss, the workshop ended at 4:45 p.m.