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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (EDAB)
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8TH FLOOR CAFETERIA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012 – 3:45-5:15 P.M.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sheryl Dickey, Chair	P	5	0
Kit Denison, Vice Chair	A	4	1
Miya Burt-Stewart	P	3	2
Al Calloway (3:58)	P	5	0
Cary Goldberg	A	3	2
Jason Hughes	P	5	0
George Mihaiu	A	3	2
Cort Neimark	P	4	1
Ralph Riehl	P	3	2
Adam Sanders	A	2	3
Daniel Siegel	P	3	2

At this time, there are 11 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum.

It was noted that a quorum was present at the meeting.

Staff

Steve Anderson, Economic & Business Development Manager
Karen Reese, Economic Dev. Rep., Department of Sustainable Development
Laura Gambino, Business Dev. Coordinator, Dept. of Sustainable Development
Patricia Smith, Secretary III, Department of Sustainable Development

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

Chair Sheryl Dickey called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

II. Introductions

Were not held.

III. Approval of April 11, 2012 Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Calloway, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2012 minutes. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

IV. North Beach Village Project

Courtney Crush, Esquire spoke to the Board on the North Beach Village Project. She explained that she is working with Pan Properties and Property Manager Christine Sposa who would join the meeting shortly. Ms. Crush gave a little background on the past history of the area and detailed the actual boundaries of the North Beach area and the properties that have been acquired by Pan Properties.

She explained that the goal of Mr. Sanda of Pan Properties was not to demolish the architectural footprint of the past but rather stay with the original design of low-level buildings, in order to protect the beautiful views that have been enjoyed over the years. Also to enhance the landscape with attractive streetscapes that will invite people to gather and shop and to create a sense of community and culture.

She showed some examples of properties before renovation and after completion of renovation.

Ms. Crush also spoke to the Board about the Plaza Bistro which is a collection of cafés and other outdoor uses and the positive effect this has had on the North Beach area. This is currently an interim use for two years. Ms. Crush made mention that this type of use is mentioned in the Sasaki Plan.

Discussion was had regarding opening an art gallery and a market in the area.

The Board thanked Ms. Crush and Ms. Sposa for their presentation.

V. Lean Permit Process Update

Laura Gambino, Business Development Coordinator spoke about the launch of Lean Permit Improvement Process project (LPIP). LPIP is the collaborative approach between employees and managers to identify and minimize or eliminate activities that do not create value for the customers. Ms. Gambino explained how the process was undertaken by staff and external stakeholders, walking thru the entire permit process and development process. The collaborative team then came away with an implementation plan.

Ms. Gambino went thru a step by step discussion on how the team came up with the new process and how it was launched. She also stated that positive feedback is coming back to the department.

Chair Dickey suggested a library or resource type center with information on engineers and architects that the homeowner or the smaller developer could use rather than having to always go to the City staff for sign-off. Ms. Gambino responded that as part of the implementation process, the software piece will be made more user friendly. Also the possibility of a library has been discussed where the customer can still have face to face time with staff.

VIII. Old / New Business

The Board wanted to know what the attendance numbers were on the Air and Sea Show.

The Board discussed their "New Business Welcome" letter. It was determined that the letter would be a part of the new business package with special projects receiving a personal letter.

Discussion was held about the agenda for the June and upcoming meetings.

The Board discussed the homeless issue and requested additional staff input.

- **Communications to City Commission**

No communications.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

[Minutes prepared by Patricia L. Smith, Secretary III]