

**Approved**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (EDAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012 – 3:45-5:15 P.M.**

<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Sheryl Dickey, Chair	A	7	1
Kit Denison, Vice Chair	P	7	1
Miya Burt-Stewart	P	5	3
Al Calloway	P	7	1
Cary Goldberg	P	5	3
Jason Hughes	P	7	1
George Mihaiu	P	6	2
Cort Neimark	P	7	1
Denyse O'Grady	P	3	X
Ralph Riehl	P	6	2
Daniel Siegel	P	5	3

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**

Alfred Battle, CRA Director, Department of Sustainable Development  
Karen Reese, Economic Dev. Rep., Department of Sustainable Development  
Laura Gambino, Business Dev. Coordinator, Dept. of Sustainable Development  
Stephanie Denham, Sr. Management Fellow, City Manager Office  
Patricia Smith, Secretary III, Department of Sustainable Development

**Communications to City Commission**

none

**I. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum**

Vice Chair Christopher “Kit” Denison called the meeting to order at 3:51 p.m. It was noted a quorum was present.

**II. Introductions**

The Board, Staff members, and guests introduced themselves.

### **III. Approval of July 11, 2012 Minutes**

Discussion was had about notation of Mr. Neimark leaving the meeting at 5:15 and the Board meeting ending at 5:17. Mr. Neimark felt that notation was not necessary and it was noted that it would be removed.

**Motion** made by Mr. Goldberg, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2012 minutes with corrections. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed 7 - 0.

### **IV. Visioning Presentation**

Randall Vitale, Visioning Committee Chairman thanked the Board for inviting him to come and speak with them regarding the process and how it works. He explained that there are 11 members on the Visioning Board. This group is working with the community to shape a process to help the City see where the community is now and where the community is now and where it wants to go, and how do we get there without leaving any community behind.

Mr. Vitale further explained the Visioning process by means of the Visioning Presentation.

Mr. Vitale stated that all this information is on the City Manager's web-site with a draft copy of the Strategic Plan for the Visioning Process being a part of that information. He also stated that there is an interactive web-site [www.ourvisionftl.com](http://www.ourvisionftl.com) which allows you to vote on ideas or put in your own ideas for the City for 2035. Mr. Vitale explained how you can get involved in the Visioning process via Telephone Town Hall meetings as well as Meetings in a Box.

Mr. Vitale stated that the Visioning Committee is scheduled to sunset in December 2012 with plans to make presentation and recommendations to the Commission in January 2013. He encouraged the Board to get involved.

The Board thanked Mr. Vitale for his presentation.

### **V. Homeless Initiative**

Cate McCaffrey, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation Department introduced herself and explained the history of past homeless efforts within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Ms. McCaffrey stated that she has now been assigned to work closely with the County to get a better understanding of what the County is doing and how the City can use it's resources to work with the County to address the issue of homelessness. She stated that as the Social Service Provider, the County is responsible to handle the homeless issue and the City is working closely to

address the problem as it is an issue for the City as well. She stated that the County is reviewing it's 10 year plan to end homelessness and she will sit on the County's sub-committee. One of the focuses of that sub-committee for chronic homeless is to address housing for the chronically homeless.

Ms. McCaffrey clarified for the Board that Federal funding for the homeless is funneled to the County. She also stated that she is very encouraged and confident that the County wants to work with the City and that the County is going to do very good things. The County will be issuing an RLI. She acknowledged that this process to get the chronically homeless into a home and off the streets will take time.

She also spoke about the positive work of Hope South Florida.

### **Old / New Business**

Ms. Reese explained the difference between BCIP & BCIPB and also stated that the applications are due at the end of September and that Hal Barnes will return to the Board in December with those applications.

There was discussion about how those grant funds should be disbursed and if Mr. Barnes would be able to come back prior to December to discuss this with the Board.

The Board discussed the Communication to the City Commission regarding the homeless issue and determined that member Cary Goldberg would represent the Board on this matter and provide an update at the September meeting.

- **Communications to City Commission**

None

There being no further business to come before this Board, meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

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