

APPROVED
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (EDAB)
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2012 – 3:45-5:15 P.M.

| Board Members | Attendance | Present | Absent |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Sheryl Dickey, Chair | P | 8 | 1 |
| Kit Denison, Vice Chair | P | 8 | 1 |
| Miya Burt-Stewart | A | 6 | 3 |
| Al Calloway | P | 8 | 1 |
| Cary Goldberg | A | 5 | 3 |
| Jason Hughes | A | 7 | 3 |
| George Mihaiu | P | 7 | 2 |
| Cort Neimark | P | 8 | 1 |
| Denyse O'Grady | A | 3 | 1 |
| Ralph Riehl | P | 7 | 2 |
| Daniel Siegel | P | 6 | 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

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

Motion by Alfred Calloway and seconded by Ralph Riehl that the City Manager come before the Economic Development Advisory Board to address the issue of his budget concerns that touch the kinds of minutes that the Board feels they need that would include the discussion because it is very important they have a public record.

Discussion was had that it is great the City Manager wants to save the City money, however an outline of the minutes were not sufficient. In order to conduct an intelligent advisory meeting, a complete written record needs to be made available. **Motion** passed 6 - 1. George Mihaiu abstained.

I. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

Chair Sheryl Dickey called the meeting to order at 3:53 p.m. It was noted a quorum was not present.

II. Introductions

The Board, Staff members, and guests introduced themselves.

Item IV (taken out of order)

IV. Rock The Ocean

Steve Tilbrook, Esquire – Shutts & Bowen, LLP introduced himself and stated that he was representing Rock the Ocean as one of the attorneys helping with the event contract. Mr. Tilbrook explained that Rock the Ocean is a benefit concert to bring attention to ocean conservation and what we can all do to benefit the world's ocean while having an impact on the City's economy. He explained that Guy Harvey Foundation, Nova Southeastern's Ocean Institute, Chris Stacey are all involved in this event which is planned for April 12, 13, 2013. Mr. Tilbrook explained that it would be a green, eco-friendly family oriented event. He also explained that it would follow the model of the SuperBowl event that was held on the beach. He also stated that he felt the event would have an outstanding economic impact for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The Board thanked Mr. Tilbrook for coming.

V. BCIP Rating System

Hal Barnes, Assistant to the City Manager - Neighbor Services Manager introduced himself and updated the Board on the BCIP rating system. He informed the Board that the cycle closes September 28, 2012 and he would be back to the Board in December with the BCIP applications received.

He also explained he will meet with applicants one-on-one to go thru the entire process in addition to the workshops that are offered.

The Board asked further questions regarding the scoring process, the funding amounts and the program cycle and how the City assists the applicant in the application process.

The Board thanked Mr. Barnes and Ms. Roberts for coming and updating them on the BCIP process.

VI. Homeless Discussion

It was stated that as a result of the Communication the City Commission, the Commission recommended that this Board appoint a representative that will sit on the Task Force once it is established.

Some members of the Board wanted to know what the composition of the task force would be and felt that they should decide its makeup.

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The Board decided to table appointing a representative for the homeless initiative task force until the October 10, 2012 meeting and that that task force includes specific disciplines.

Taken out of order

III. Approval of March 14, 2012 Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Mihaiu seconded by Mr. Denison to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012 minutes. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed 6-1. Ralph Riehl abstained.

Old / New Business

Discussion was had regarding the direction the Board is going and that the Board's purpose is economic development and bringing business and creating business for the City. It was also stated that homelessness is one of the most important issues in the City.

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There being no further business to come before this Board, meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

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