

**ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ENTERPRISE ZONE COORDINATOR'S MEETING
City of Fort Lauderdale
City Hall, 8th Floor Conference Room
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Thursday, July 25, 2013 - 9:30 AM**

Board Members/Coordinators

Commissioner Patricia Williams, Board Member
Clare Vickery, Board Member
Matthew Scott, Board Member
John Scherer, Board Member (present)
Jessica Sanders, Board Member
Willie Hopkins, Board Member
Patrick Hart, Board Member
Jeff Smith, Broward County (present)
Davon Barbour, City of Hollywood (present)
Donald Giancoli, Board Member
Commissioner Sharon Fyffe, Board Member
Alfred Battle, Board Member (present)

At this time, there are 14 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Elijah Wooten, City of Lauderhill
Vielka Quientero, City of Hollywood
Mark Korman, City of Pompano Beach (present)
Celeste Dunmore, City of Lauderdale Lakes
Thomasina Turner, Project Coordinator, EDV & Community Reinvestment (present)
Patricia L. Smith, Secretary III

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. & II. Introductions & Minutes Approval

The Board, staff members, and guests introduced themselves and it was noted that a quorum was not present at this time. No approval of minutes.

III. Recap of Workshop meeting with Coordinators

The Board spoke about their outreach efforts to the Enterprise Zone program/incentives benefits as opposed to the time required to make an application and also lack of awareness of the program/incentives. They spoke about the survey being a good tool to establish what people's opinion of the program/incentives is and what is needed to make the program/incentives more attractive.

The Board spoke about area eligibility for an Enterprise Zone and possible boundary changes that might also allow incentive layering based on the 2010 Census statistical information. Ex: Qualified Tax Incentive and Enterprise Zone Incentive Funds.

IV. Enterprise Zone Expansion & Boundary Change

Mr. Battle stated that the state mandates boundary changes. A boundary amendment request for each urban zone which includes areas of critical economic concern along with a recommendation from this Board that the expansion is what the Board wants to do as well as a 90-day public notice and commission meeting process is necessary. Each City that wants to expand will be required to get its own resolution as well as a County resolution. A written description of the map of the areas is also needed. He stated that the Board may have to meet monthly in order to attain this goal.

Mr. Battle also stated that the state will begin its review of the sunset process of all Economic Opportunity Incentive Programs. He stated that the Enterprise Zone Program could be renewed with no changes or some changes could be made. He spoke about the financial reasons for this review and why changes may or may not be made.

Old/New Business

The Board suggested that someone come speak about how they benefited from using the Enterprise Zone incentive.

It was suggested that Board members speak to business organizations, like CPA firms to market the Enterprise Zone Program.

Sales and use tax exemption will change on April 30, 2014 for the purpose of industrial machinery equipment House Bill No.7007.

For the next meeting the Board should be prepared to continue to discuss expansion and eligibility. It was noted that currently there are 20.1 area miles and the area can only be expanded to 20.2.

The Board was reminded that when considering boundary changes the zoning must meet both unemployment and poverty.

Mr. Battle stated that he would work on the 90-day notice for discussion at the September 25, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Smith stated that he would prepare for the Board a spreadsheet of all the businesses in the County by City for the Board and identify those located in that City's Enterprise Zone.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting ended at 10:25 a.m.

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