

City of DeBary **D R A F T**
Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting
THURSDAY
June 16, 2005
7:00 PM

Florence K. Little Town Hall
12 Colomba Road DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tom Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Tom Smith, Leonard Marks, Neil Coppens, Diane Schaefer, Gretchen Ganas and Donelda Christy

Absent: Vice-Chairman Don Kitner and Tim McLaughlin

Also Present: City Planner Anita Gonzalez

3. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of May 19, 2005

Ms. Schaefer made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Coppens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion Items

A. Budget requests to City Council for FY2005-2006.

Ms. Gonzalez suggested that monies be budgeted for some of the VCARD seminars and mileage so that EDAC members could attend. Chairman Smith suggested that the Committee ask for \$5,000. Ms. Ganas reminded the Committee members of the costs involved for mailings and brochures. Chairman Smith entertained a motion for the Committee to request a \$5,000 budget line item for the pursuit of economic development

in the City. Mr. Coppens made a motion to approve, and Ms. Ganas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. City website listings for properties for sale or rent in the City.

The Committee discussed the vacant property listings compiled by Ms. Ganas and Mr. Coppens. Chairman Smith said he would compile all the information into one document once the research is completed.

5. Other Business

There was a discussion regarding occupational licensing in the City and the need to properly track it. The Committee discussed the loss of revenue to the City as a result of some businesses being unlicensed. The Committee asked Ms. Gonzalez to discuss the issue with the City Manager and then forward it to the City Council.

George Coleman informed the Committee that \$5,000 is given to the Chamber every year, and that the Council should be receptive to a request from the Committee. He further noted that the Committee's ideas should be presented to Council first, and then Council will direct staff as needed. Mr. Coleman offered clarification on the RFP for alternate municipal providers issue.

Norm Erickson asked the Committee if there has been any feedback regarding the willingness of residents to use the commuter rail at the Saxon extension. Chairman Smith answered that he did not have that information but informed Mr. Erickson of a meeting regarding the rail on August 11th.

Doug Holly voiced his concern to the Committee regarding visual screening and the City's development standards. He said that he found working with Volusia County acceptable except for the lengthy time period in between the City Council meeting and when he submitted his package to the County. He further added that he believed the City's overlay standards are too restrictive and asked the Committee to recommend a review of the land development standards to the City Council.

Chairman Smith agreed with Mr. Holly, and asked the Committee for a motion. Mr. Coppens made a motion that the Committee recommend to Council that they address the problem in the business community pertaining to the Land Development Code; that there be a complete review and rewrite of the Land Development Code; and that Council provide a solution to the ongoing problem. Ms. Christy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Tom Smith announced the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED
CITY OF DeBARY
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Tom Smith, Chair