

City of DeBary
Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting
THURSDAY
February 16, 2006
7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Don Kitner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Leonard Marks, Vice-Chairman Don Kitner, Mitch Geier, Joe Alemany, and Carol Lawrence

Absent: Tim McLaughlin and Diane Schaefer

Also Present: City Planner Anita Gonzalez

3. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 19, 2006

Mr. Marks made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Alemany seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Old Business

A. Election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Ms. Lawrence made a motion to nominate Mr. Kitner as Chairperson. Mr. Marks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Committee decided to table the election of a Vice Chairperson until the next meeting.

B. 2006 Business Forum

- Draft Agenda
- Tentative Date

Chairman Kitner said that the Forum had been postponed so that the new Committee members could participate with the formulation of questions for the business owners. Ms. Gonzalez said that depending on the availability of the Civic Center, the Forum would be held in April or May. Chairman Kitner said that he did not want to include Alexander Woods on the draft agenda for the Forum.

C. Beautification Matching Grant Program

- Criteria for Eligibility

Ms. Gonzalez stated that she had provided the new members with the paperwork pertaining to the existing grant program. Chairman Kitner asked the Committee to think of specific items they would like to see included in an updated grant program.

D. Questions for Business and Property Owner Survey

Ms. Lawrence suggested that the survey should ask if the business tenant is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Committee decided to hold a special meeting on March 9th to discuss the questionnaire.

5. New Business – Business Association Creation

Mr. Marks stated that the business owners attending the Forum should create their own association. Chairman Kitner stated that he would try to get some information from the West Volusia Chamber of Commerce prior to the next meeting. Ms. Lawrence suggested that Main Street Deland might be able to assist.

6. Other Business by Board, Staff or the Public

Chairman Kitner informed the Committee of a letter he received from a resident interested in opening a health-food restaurant in DeBary.

Chairman Kitner asked the status of the old Shell station at the corner of Highbanks Road and 17-92. Ms. Gonzalez responded that there has been no further development.

Mr. Alemany questioned the status of the development at the corner of Dirksen Drive and 17-92. Ms. Gonzalez answered that the overall development plan was approved, and the owner is in the process of submitting his final plat.

The Committee discussed the lack of new commercial development in DeBary.

Mayor Coleman said that he discussed commercial development with the mayors in neighboring cities, and that the other cities have stringent development standards similar to DeBary's. He noted that Springview Industrial Park has brought in a lot of industrial type businesses that provide revenue to the City.

7. **Adjournment** Chairman Don Kitner announced the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**APPROVED March 16, 2006
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Chairman Don Kitner