

**City of DeBary**  
**Economic Development Advisory Committee Workshop**  
**TUESDAY**  
**March 7, 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, Tim McLaughlin, Chairman Don Kitner, Mitch Geier, Joe Alemany, and Carol Lawrence

Also Present: City Planner Anita Gonzalez

**3. Development of Questions for Business and Property Owner Survey**

John Likakis, 38 Seminole Drive, suggested that the questions and the atmosphere be informal so that the business owners are relaxed. He recommended various ideas for revitalizing the City including making the vacant lot next to Christy's Jewelers a crossing point, with a reduction in the speed limit on 17-92 to 25 or 30 mph. He also suggested promoting the city and county parks in the area.

The Committee discussed the need for some of the businesses along 17-92 to improve their appearance and the lack of developable parcels in the City.

Ms. Gonzalez reported all of the pending development in the City to the Committee. Chairman Kitner recommended that Ms. Gonzalez's report be distributed at the Business Forum.

Ms. Lawrence suggested a few changes to the questions contained in the packet. The Committee discussed possible changes and variations in the wording of the questions. Ms. Gonzalez stated that she would bring the revisions to the Committee's regular meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Geier said he would be willing to take some digital photos of a business or two in town, and then illustrate possible façade improvements. He added that the costs of such improvements could also be itemized and then presented at the Business Forum. The Committee agreed that it would be a good way to get the business community interested in the matching grant program.

The Committee discussed using visual aids during the Forum. Chairman Kitner said he could bring a laptop and projector to the Forum. Ms. Gonzalez said she would find out if there is a screen available at the Civic Center.

The Committee discussed having a list of all the current businesses in DeBary. Ms. Lawrence suggested that there be a link to the West Volusia Chamber of Commerce from the City's website.

The Committee discussed possible dates for the Business Forum and asked Ms. Gonzalez to check on the availability of the Civic Center for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Adjournment**

Chairman Don Kitner announced the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**APPROVED April 20, 2006  
CITY OF DeBARY  
Economic Development Advisory Committee**

**Chairman Don Kitner**