

City of DeBary
Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting
THURSDAY
July 19, 2007
7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Don Kitner, Vice Chairman Joe Alemany, Mark Meister, and Tim McLaughlin

Absent: Chris Yacenda, Mitch Geier, Sid Vihlen, Jr., and Helene Leininger (alternate member)

Also Present: City Manager Maryann Courson

3. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting of June 21, 2007

Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Meister seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Old Business – Request for Bid (RFB) for Marketing Survey

Rick Michael, Director of Volusia County Economic Development, updated the Committee on their marketing efforts and the search for properties suitable for industrial development. He explained the purpose of the City opting out of the County's CDBG program. He explained that Nelson L.C., a manufacturer of portable classrooms, is under contract to acquire property in the southern part of the City on 17-92; that the City, in partnership with Volusia County, is making efforts to apply for State CDBG Economic Development funds up to \$750,000 as an incentive for the business to relocate to the area; that it is estimated that the business would make a \$9 million capital investment; and that it would bring 120 full-time workers with an expansion to 200 within 24 months to the City of DeBary.

Vice Chair Alemany made a motion to recommend to the Council that the current CDBG funds be used for an economic development planning study, in partnership with Volusia County, for the area surrounding the proposed commuter rail station in lieu of the planned industrial development strategy. Mr. McLaughlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Michael updated the Committee on the American LaFrance project and stated that there are still comp plan and zoning issues to work through.

5. New Business

None.

6. Other Business by Board, Staff or the Public

Mr. McLaughlin asked the status of DeBary Truck Sales. Ms. Courson responded that the business moved to Sanford, and the property is available.

Mayor Coleman spoke briefly regarding commuter rail and the accomplishments of the city in the past year.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Kitner announced the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**APPROVED October 18, 2007
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Chairman Don Kitner