

City of DeBary
Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting
THURSDAY
October 18, 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, Chris Yacenda, Sid Vihlen, Jr., and Helene Leininger (alternate member)

Absent: Tim McLaughlin and Mitch Geier

Also Present: City Manager Maryann Courson

3. Approval of Minutes

- Meeting of July 19, 2007

Mr. Meister moved to approve the minutes, and Vice Chairman Alemany seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

- **Transportation Impact Study Presentation by Greg Stubbs, Planning & Development Services Director for the City of Deltona.**

Mr. Stubbs made a presentation to the Committee regarding a proposal to undertake a regional traffic study to include DeBary, Deltona, Orange City, Deland and unincorporated Volusia County to plan for future traffic needs.

Ms. Courson spoke of the need to improve Highbanks Road and encourage commercial development in the City.

Mr. Vihlen stated that he supported Ms. Courson's position; that the City needs to plan for the future; that the study is critical; and that there should be an equitable share of the study's cost between the cities and the County based on population.

Mr. Meister spoke briefly about the commuter rail station and agreed with Mr. Vihlen's position that the City needs to participate in the study.

Van Conoley, 25 Rosedown Boulevard, questioned if the study could be done for free rather than paying \$50,000. He suggested that staff check if any federal or state studies have been done already.

Chairman Kitner stated that the benefits gained from such a study would justify the cost. The Committee members discussed the cost they felt was appropriate for the City to contribute.

Mr. Vihlen made a motion that the Committee endorse the SW Volusia Regional Transportation Study and recommend that the City Council negotiate to enter into the study based upon available money and encourage the Council and City Manager to reach a financial agreement with the other participants. Mr. Yacenda seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Discussion of Strategic Plan.**

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

5. Old Business

None.

6. Other Business by Board, Staff or the Public

Ms. Courson updated the Committee on the current land development activities in the City.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Kitner announced the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**APPROVED December 20, 2007
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Chairman Don Kitner