

DAVIE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

JANUARY 27, 2004

6:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Board members present were Chair Hilda Testa, Vice-Chair Julie Aitken and Jacque Daniels. Also present was Councilmember Judy Paul and Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting. Jason Hurley and Barbara Spiece were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 28, 2003

Vice-Chair Aitken indicated that under Item 4 Old Business, "objective" in the first paragraph should be "subjective".

Vice-Chair Aitken made a motion, seconded by Ms. Daniels, to approve the minutes of October 28, 2003, with the necessary correction. In a voice vote, with Mr. Hurley and Ms. Spiece being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Equine Hurricane Turn-out

Vice-Chair Aitken suggested that the members become reacquainted with the pending issues. She presented aerial maps which were examined and the consensus was that a portion of Robbins Park was an ideal area for the proposed equestrian park which would have multi-uses. Vice-Chair Aitken referred to a horse show that she had attended in Wellington and indicated that the organizers were looking for locations in the Broward area to hold shows, and a location in the Davie area would appeal to them. Vice-Chair Aitken spoke on the amount of revenue that could be generated from having a multi-purpose stall in the Town. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the various locations, potential uses and the pros and cons as it related to residents. The cost for a proposed multi-use recreational trail was also discussed with Vice-Chair Aitken indicating that this would cater to everyone's outdoor activities.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding locations, and which locations were considered a passive park, with Councilmember Paul indicating that the Board should seek clarification of a passive park. She expressed the opinion that if lighting and rings were added, the park may not be considered passive. Chair Testa commented that even if Robbins Park could not be used as a show ground, it could still be used as a hurricane shelter. Councilmember Paul spoke of field trials and other shows that did not require loudspeakers or lighting which could be held at the park. She added that the idea for the stalls as a hurricane shelter was that they were rented and paid for by Davie residents only and this provided a guaranteed income whether or not there was a hurricane.

The Board briefly discussed the costs involved for building the stalls. Councilmember Paul provided suggestions as to the directions that the Board should take in acquiring funding for building the stalls, and added that what had been proposed be scaled down. Chair Testa suggested that the stalls could be sponsored by individuals and the Board could also seek corporate partners to assist with the cost. She added that a sign would be placed on the barn indicating which corporation was responsible. Vice-Chair Aitken indicated that she would present additional pictures to the Board.

3.2 Items for the Davie Update Agricultural Corner

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Chair Testa confirmed that the name changed to "Rural Lifestyles". She indicated that she had contacted some local nurseries and they expressed interest in having ads concerning their businesses placed in the Davie Update. Chair Testa added that she inquired of the nursery owners that she contacted if they wanted to get involved by serving on the Board. She indicated that interest was expressed by a few of them.

Chair Testa indicated that articles had to be submitted by February 15th and she gave her e-mail address so that Boardmembers could provide information to her. Also discussed was the type of articles that could be included.

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections and no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Board Member