

**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**AUGUST 22, 2006**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Board members present were Chair Jason Hurley, Vice-Chair Jacque Daniels and Julie Aitken. Also present was Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting. Councilmember Starkey was absent.

**2. DISCUSSION**

**2.1 Agriculture Code Definitions**

Chair Hurley commented that there was no information available on the Code issue, and with Code Compliance Official Danny Stallone being absent, he asked how the Board wanted to handle this item.

Ms. Aitken made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Daniels, to table this item to the September 26th meeting, and extend another invitation to Mr. Stallone. In a voice vote, with Councilmember Starkey being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 Ideas For Farmer's Market**

Ms. Aitken commented that the farmers' market was a good idea and suggested that the first step by Special Projects Director Bonnie Stafiej was to research rival dates in the tri-county area so that the dates chosen for the Davie Farmers' market did not conflict with similar events. The Board suggested that in order for the farmer's market to be successful, advanced planning should be a priority to enable prospective vendors to participate and the public to attend, advertising in the Davie Update, and possibly combining with the Orange Blossom Festival. Chair Hurley suggested that Ms. Stafiej and Councilmember Starkey be contacted to find out the plans for the farmers' market and to make sure that the dates that did not conflict with other events of that nature. Vice-Chair Daniels commented that the issue of the location should also be discussed with Ms. Stafiej.

Ms. Aitken suggested that without being "tacky", the farmers' market should be as broad as possible with an agricultural flair and should include arts and crafts. She suggested that Boardmembers contact merchants they know who might be interested in participating as vendors. Ms. Aitken suggested that an invitation be extended to Ms. Stafiej to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the farmers' market.

The Board questioned whether the updated Davie Farmer's Guide had been posted on the Town's website. Ms. Edwards indicated that she had spoken to Public Information Officer Braulio Rosa who informed her that he had taken care of it.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Permitting Issues**

Chair Hurley advised that after discussions with the Building Division, the permitting issue that had been referred to at the July 25th meeting involving his neighbor had been resolved.

A brief discussion ensued regarding permitting problems, particularly the issue of involving farmers applying for permits when they did not need it. The Board suggested that it would be a good idea to place an article in the Davie Update to alert farmers that the Davie Farmers' Guide was on the Town's website.

**4.2 Identification For Horses**

Ms. Aitken indicated that at the July 25th meeting, Gerard Starkey advised that the Miami-Dade Police Department had identification documents similar to what was being suggested by this Board. She suggested that if this document existed, it would be a good idea for the Board to request a copy to see if it was adequate for Davie's use. The Board's consensus was that if this document was inadequate, it could be adjusted to make it adaptable for Davie police officers.

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The Board devoted a lengthy discussion to the description of horses and pointed out some of the common mistakes that were made by people who were not familiar with horses. Vice-Chair Daniels commented that similar mistakes were also made in identifying other large animals. She added that compiling an identification document did not have to become technical. Ms. Aitken commented that when large animals were loose, Animal Control would not take these animals. Chair Hurley felt that the initial step would be to find out who to contact in the Police Department to see if they would be interested in having any input concerning the issue. Ms. Aitken suggested contacting Police Chief John George for his feedback and inform him of the Board's idea to compile an identification document for police officers as their identification of horses were inadequate. Chair Hurley indicated that he would contact Chief George to see if he was interested in the Board's proposal. He added that he would also ask Chief George if he was interested in having the Board compile a list of farmers who would be willing to keep the animal until the owner was located. Chair Hurley commented that he would contact Councilmember Starkey and find out if she would be able to retrieve a copy of the identification document from the Miami-Dade Police Department.

**5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Following a brief discussion, the following items were suggested for the agenda for the September meeting:

- Inviting Dan Stallone to provide an update on the code definitions.
- Discuss issues concerning the Davie Farmers' Market with Ms. Stafiej.
- Further discussion regarding the identification for horses.

**6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

There were no comments or suggestions.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objections and no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair/Board Member