

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS
ADVISORY BOARD
JULY 23, 2002**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Present were Vice-Chair Wayne Arnold, Norman Blanco, Secretary Jason Curtis, Richelle Gilhauley, Donnell Johnson, Kitty Preziosi, Denis Shaw and Zel Veaser. Also in attendance were Assistant Town Clerk Barbara McDaniel and Clerk Nina Valdez recording the meeting. Chair Geri Clark, John Pisula and Katherine Montgomery were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 25, 2002

Mr. Shaw made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilhauley, to approve the minutes of June 25, 2002. In a voice vote, with Chair Clark, Mr. Pisula and Ms. Montgomery being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

3. OLD BUSINESS

The Boardmembers postponed discussion of the brochure ideas until the August 27, 2002 Board meeting.

Mr. Blanco stated that he thought the brainstorming session at the previous Board meeting went very well and he felt a lot was accomplished.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Shirley Taylor-Prakelt, Director of Housing & Community Development

Vice-Chair Arnold introduced Ms. Taylor-Prakelt and commended her for her talents and accomplishments since she had been with the Town. Ms. Taylor-Prakelt thanked the Board for inviting her and stated that she hoped that she could work with the Board in the future.

Ms. Taylor-Prakelt distributed a map titled "Town of Davie, Community Development Block Grant Program, Target Areas." Ms. Taylor-Prakelt explained that her department was created in 1998 and when Davie's population reached over 50,000, it qualified at the State and Federal levels for certain entitlement grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and from the State Department of Community Affairs. The Town undertook a comprehensive plan that was in line with the Federal programs and created a master plan over a five year period that identified areas that needed improvement.

Ms. Taylor-Prakelt spoke about her Department's neighborhood revitalization programs and how they aimed at providing affordable rental and homeownership opportunities for Davie residents, upgrading the existing housing stock, improving and expanding infrastructure and public facilities, and enhancing the quality of life for the residents of targeted neighborhoods. She further explained that her programs included: the rehabilitation of private homes, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, the construction of new single family homes and rental development, and Fair Housing Education and Outreach programs that gave residents the widest range of housing choices available.

4.2 Selection of Phone Coordinator

Mr. Blanco made a motion, seconded by Ms. Preziosi, to postpone the selection of a phone coordinator until the next Board meeting. In a voice vote, with Chair Clark, Mr. Pisula and Ms. Montgomery being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 8-0)

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6. TELEPHONE ACTION REQUESTS

Mr. Curtis reported that there was one call that he forwarded to the Davie Police Department because he did not feel that it was an issue that should be handled by the Board.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Shaw spoke about a conflict that was brought to his attention by a number of residents of Forest Ridge regarding an incident on the border of Tree Tops Park and a residential area. The incident was between a person riding their horse and a resident whose dog was out in the yard which startled the rider's horse and led to a confrontation. The police were called and a report was written. The homeowner's concerns were that the hostility would continue between the equestrians and the residents due to the rider's public position or political power in the Town. Mr. Shaw's intent on bringing this issue to the Board was to make the Board aware of both sides of the story if further mention was made at other various public meetings that Board members may attend.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Ms. McDaniel advised the Board that Ms. Valdez's last meeting would be in August and that the Town Council had not taken any further action in changing the issue regarding Board secretaries.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member