

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
ADVISORY BOARD  
AUGUST 27, 2002**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chair Geri Clark, Vice-Chair Wayne Arnold, Norman Blanco (arrived 7:00 p.m.), Secretary Jason Curtis, Donnell Johnson, Katherine Montgomery (arrived 6:36 p.m.), John Pisula, Kitty Preziosi, Denis Shaw and Zel Veaser. Also in attendance were Assistant Town Clerk Barbara McDaniel and Clerk Nina Valdez recording the meeting. Richelle Gilhauley was absent.

Chair Clark passed the gavel and made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Arnold to move item 5 forward. In a voice vote, with Ms. Gilhauley being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 10-0)

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

**2.1 Brochure Ideas**

The Board discussed the mission statements and the miscellaneous facts that had been pulled together at previous meetings in order to draft a brochure about the Board.

Vice-Chair Arnold stated that the Board had come to a consensus on the brochure about letting the public know that the Board wanted to help residents with their problems. He further stated that issues would be handled in a confidential matter. Vice-Chair Arnold shared a chart that showed committees, departments and phone numbers and the chain of command in which problems could be handled with the Board.

Mr. Pisula suggested that the following be the Board's mission statement: Our mission is to serve as an advisory committee to the Town of Davie, Mayor, and Councilmembers by providing a public forum for addressing issues. This would help create and maintain harmony and understanding among the diverse constituencies in the Town. The Board would help educate about processes available to resolve problems regarding services provided by the Town and help foster positive relationships within the Town.

Vice-Chair Arnold made a motion, seconded by Ms. Preziosi, to adopt Mr. Pisula's paragraph as the Board's mission statement. In a voice vote, with Ms. Gilhauley being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 10-0)

Vice-Chair Arnold made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to place a written statement in bullet form in the brochure after the mission statement stating how the Board would accomplish the items listed in mission statement. In a voice vote, with Ms. Gilhauley being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 10-0)

The Board agreed to put the Board's phone number on the brochure with a statement that would say "If you don't know how to handle your problem and need help, then call us."

**2.2 Selection of Phone Coordinator**

The Board discussed the issue of having to have a member of the Board taking the minutes. All agreed that they were not happy with the Council's decision to take away the Board's Town provided secretary. Chair Clark suggested that the Board give the new changes a chance before requesting Council make a change to the ordinance. Mr. Curtis suggested that the tapes could always be listened to if someone had a question regarding a Board meeting. Ms.

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McDaniel advised the Board that the tapes were only available for two years after the meeting and would be destroyed after that period of time. She further stated that there were very few cities that produce minutes like the Town's and that most cities provided action minutes only. She advised that there was one city that stated in their Charter that there shall be no discussion or arguments in the minutes.

Councilmember Paul stated that she like the way the minutes had been prepared in the past and looked forward to reading them.

Mr. Pisula made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Arnold, to nominate Ms. Preziosi as the Phone Coordinator. In a voice vote, with Ms. Gilhauley being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 10-0)

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

#### 4. TELEPHONE ACTION REQUESTS

There were none.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Earlier in the meeting, Chair Clark introduced Councilmember Judy Paul and Joy Yoder. Councilmember Paul explained that the reason for hers and Ms. Yoder's attendance was to clear the air regarding an issue that was brought up at the Board's July 23rd meeting which involved an incident with a horseback rider being spooked by barking dogs at one of the trails at Tree Tops Park. She explained that by the time the information had reached her, Ms. Yoder had been implicated in the incident. Councilmember Paul verified that Ms. Yoder was not the horseback rider involved in the incident.

Councilmember Paul distributed a copy of the Police Department's report that was written at the time of the incident. Councilmember Paul stated that she had received a phone call from Lisa Edmundson who complained about her horse being spooked by barking dogs. Councilmember Paul further stated that she had advised Ms. Edmundson that there was nothing she could do about the incident, but recommended that if she felt it was a life threatening situation, then she should make a report with the Davie Police and the Parks and Recreation Departments. Councilmember Paul stated that the Police Department had advised Ms. Edmundson that the resident, Karen Oberstein, and the dogs had done nothing wrong. She also advised that if Ms. Edmundson had dropped her name as a means of political force, she had done that on her own accord and it certainly did not carry any force behind the threat.

Mr. Shaw thanked Councilmember Paul for her help in the matter and wanted to make clear that the Forest Ridge residents did not have anything against horse riders.

#### 6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were none.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Chair/Board Member