

**JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STEERING COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 3, 2000**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. Present were Chair Chuck Bonfiglio, Vice-Chair Larry Davis, Vice-Mayor Richard Weiner, Councilmember Geri Clark, Wayne Arnold, and Neal Kalis. Also present were Programs Administrator William Allen and Committee Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Richard Abraham, Delia Alonso and Bob Boegli were absent.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 Agrarian Committee**

As there was no representative present, no report was made.

**2.2 Community Redevelopment Agency**

Mr. Kalis reported that Mr. Allen had been offered, and had accepted, the position of Redevelopment Administrator. He expected that the transition should be completed in the month of November.

Mr. Kalis advised that there had been verbal acknowledgement from Broward County that Weekley Asphalt and Paving would be repaving all of Davie Road from SW 43rd Street north to I-595.

Mr. Kalis apprised the Committee that the Agency had approved a \$2,500 expenditure to place an ad in publications seeking a "joint partner venture" for the development of the LefMark/Winn Dixie site.

Mr. Allen provided an update on the ongoing discussions between the Town, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the landscaping of the canal bank. He provided a brief history and indicated what relief the Town was attempting to achieve. Mr. Allen advised on the progress regarding the bridge lighting and the Canary Island Date Palm trees. He stated that a compromise solution was to have FDOT provide a bulk head which would support a crane for the SFWMD to use if necessary. Mr. Allen indicated that the size and cost of the bulkhead was being negotiated and that it was contingent upon the size of the crane.

Mr. Kalis advised that the Agency had cleared some lots of exotic trees which were located on SW 63rd Avenue and that this action had stimulated other property owners to do the same.

**2.3 Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce**

Chair Bonfiglio indicated that the Chamber remained concerned with the Charter Review Board's recommendation regarding a supermajority vote of Council for land use changes.

Chair Bonfiglio advised that the Chamber's membership directory was being created this year by Executive Director Arlene Broleman as she had the experience and was willing to undertake this task. He explained that the company which had created the directory for the past two years had gone out of business.

Chair Bonfiglio commented that he understood arrangements were being negotiated to provide office space for the Community Redevelopment Agency at the Chamber. Mr. Kalis suggested that it was up to the Chamber to determine the amount of space that was available for negotiations to move forward.

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Mr. Kalis inquired on the Chamber's position regarding the Orange Blossom Festival and WestFair. Chair Bonfiglio clarified that they would be two separate events and indicated that it was his understanding that WestFair may apply for a weekend event. Mr. Kalis explained what had prompted his inquiry. Plans for the parade were briefly discussed and Councilmember Clark indicated that the Police Athletic League had started working on a float.

**2.4 Davie Economic Development Council**

As there was no representative present, no report was made.

**2.5 Davie Merchants and Industrial Association (DMIA)**

Mr. Arnold distributed the most recent DMIA newsletter. He advised that the turnout for Candidates Night which was held at the Women's Club on October 18th, was a complete success. Mr. Arnold announced that the next DMIA meeting would be held November 28th at the Women's Club.

**2.6 Planning and Zoning Board**

Vice-Chair Davis indicated that the Board had reviewed staff's report on parking ratios as the present system had been antiquated and needed to be updated. Vice-Mayor Weiner advised that the issue had been presented to Council and had been tabled. Vice-Chair Davis reported on staff's findings and the Board's concerns and comments. A brief discussion ensued and Vice-Mayor Weiner indicated that the Council shared some of the same concerns as the Board and that was why the issue had been tabled.

Vice-Chair Davis advised that the Board was gratified with the outcome of the R-1E zoning issue. He indicated that the Board had studied the issue thoroughly and had listened to the residents input before reaching a negative decision. Vice-Chair Davis felt certain that the message was clear that this was not what the residents wanted at this time and in that fashion. He mentioned a few of the points of concern that the Board had which had not been addressed in the proposed ordinance regarding this issue.

**2.7 South Florida Education Center**

As there was no representative present, no report was made.

**2.8 Town Council**

Councilmember Clark advised that she intended to work on the Council agenda in an effort to somehow shorten the lengthiness of its regular meetings. She indicated that she had spoken with a staff member who provided some feasible recommendations for the format and she wanted to do further research with other municipalities. Some of the problems with the current system were discussed at length, particularly the lengthiness of the Open Public meeting. Mr. Arnold mentioned Cooper City's procedures and discussions continued with Committee members commenting on the good and bad of the present system.

Vice-Mayor Weiner advised that Armadillo Square would be readdressed by Council at the December 5th meeting. He confirmed that the R-1E issue was voted down three to two; however, he disagreed with Vice-Chair Davis' opinion that an alternative plan may be introduced some time in the future. Vice-Mayor Weiner stated that he based this

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Vice-Mayor Weiner confirmed that the workshop meeting scheduled for November 8th was to discuss the aquaculture facility and the annexation of Pine Island Ridge. He provided a brief status report on each of these issues. Vice-Mayor Weiner took a few minutes to express his perspective on recent Council meetings.

Vice-Mayor Weiner cautioned Committee members on a matter concerning an opinion rendered by Town Attorney Monroe Kiar regarding professionals who were paid by the Town then being precluded from representing applicants in front of the Town. He indicated that he was bringing this matter to the attention of the Committee because the "spin" he gleaned from Mr. Kiar's opinion which was "that would mean under his [Mr. Kiar's] reasoning, since there was no reference to any cases or regulations or statutes or anything, that anyone who represents the Town, with or without compensation, is precluded from representing clients before the Town." Vice-Mayor Weiner recommended that Committee members speak with Mr. Kiar for clarification as his opinion differed from that of Mr. Kiar's. Mr. Kalis indicated his opinion on what would constitute a conflict and suggested that if there was a question, the Ethics Commission could be contacted as it was very knowledgeable in these matters.

**3. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Chair Bonfiglio asked the Committee if there were any items it wanted to discuss on the next agenda. Secretary Gale indicated that the date and agenda items for the Large Joint Agency Meeting needed to be determined.

Mr. Kalis stated that he was unclear on the Town's economic strategy plan. He recalled that the Economic Development Council (EDC) had completed an impact analysis to try to make a determination of what the Town's tax base should be and wondered where the Town was in meeting that goal. Councilmember Clark responded that it had been a while since she has met with Economic Development Coordinator Margaret Wu; however, she believed that the Town was behind in its timeline to designate areas for commercial development. A brief discussion ensued regarding the public's negative perception on commercial/office/light industrial development. Councilmember Clark and Mr. Kalis suggested that Ms. Wu be invited to the next meeting so that she could apprise the Committee on the economic development activities of the Town and the Committee responded affirmatively.

Vice-Mayor Weiner suggested an issue of long interest to him would be discussions on whether all the Town's water rights should be in Davie and not in the City of Sunrise. He felt that this item would generate revenue in the future and pointed to the City of Miramar as an example. Mr. Kalis inquired if the proposal had been analyzed and Vice-Mayor Weiner had responded that it was analyzed years ago and that the Town was in the process of doing it again. The Committee agreed that it would be interested in discussing this issue in the future.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no other business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.