

**JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
STEERING COMMITTEE  
MAY 3, 2002  
8:00 A.M.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. Present were Chair Wayne Arnold, Vice-Chair Chuck Bonfiglio, Councilmember Truex, Edna Moore (arrived 8:04 a.m.), Jason Curtis (arrived 8:07 a.m.), and Robert Legg, Sr. Also present were Economic Development Manager Margaret Wu (arrived 8:09 a.m.) and Committee Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting. Councilmember Starkey and Lynn Goldman were absent.

**2. SELECTION OF CHAIR**

Ms. Moore nominated Mr. Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Truex, as Chair. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a voice vote, with Councilmember Starkey, Ms. Goldman and Mr. Curtis being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried (4-0))**

**3. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Councilmember Truex nominated Mr. Bonfiglio, seconded by Ms. Moore, as Vice-Chair. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a voice vote, with Councilmember Starkey, Ms. Goldman and Mr. Curtis being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried (4-0))**

**4. SELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Councilmember Truex nominated Mr. Curtis, seconded by Ms. Moore, as Secretary. As there were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. In a voice vote, with Councilmember Starkey and Ms. Goldman being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

Chair Arnold advised that Ms. Moore would be nominated to represent Davie Merchants and Industrial Association (DMIA) as this would be her final representation of the Planning and Zoning Board.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Agrarian Committee - Jason Curtis**

Mr. Curtis advised that the Davie Agrarian Committee had expanded to become the Broward Agrarian Committee. He added that the Broward Agrarian Committee was presently having discussions with farmers in Southwest Ranches in an attempt to make sure that the proper farm amendments were adapted to Southwest Ranches' code. Mr. Curtis explained that the Broward Agrarian Committee was working on a compilation of agricultural law that would be made available to anyone in Broward County with agricultural interests to inform them of their rights. He added that the Agrarian Committee was presently addressing issues in many areas within the County, hence the name change. Mr. Curtis advised that issues with the Property Appraiser were ongoing.

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**6.2 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) - Wayne Arnold**

Chair Arnold advised that at the last meeting, the Agency discussed prioritization of goals for the upcoming year. He indicated that one of the items discussed was the partnership to develop what was previously the Winn Dixie plaza; however, the Agency expressed more interest in properties where immediate progress could be made. Chair Arnold stated that the Agency was interested in purchasing property in Potter Park to provide parking, seeking professional help to market the downtown area, and the construction of a parking facility on SW 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He reported that CRA Chair Neal Kalis would be meeting with representatives of Andrx regarding acquisition of the adjacent property for additional parking. Chair Arnold added that the Agency might seek to acquire the property through condemnation as the property owners felt that the property was worth more than the appraisal value. He advised that the Agency indicated that negotiations should continue with Andrx and the property owner towards a resolution. Ms. Wu advised that negotiations with Andrx were ongoing.

Chair Arnold advised that the sidewalks along Davie Road had been widened to provide easy wheelchair access. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the accessibility of restrooms to the public at Town Hall. Councilmember Truex indicated that he would look into the matter.

**6.3 Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce - Chuck Bonfiglio**

Vice-Chair Bonfiglio reported that Scott Kleiman was still trying to get a speaker for the ADA Seminar proposed by the Chamber. He advised that so far, Mr. Kleiman had been unsuccessful, but was continuing his efforts. Chair Arnold asked that the Committee members be informed as he believed they would like to attend.

**6.4 Davie Economic Development Council (EDC) - Robert Legg**

Mr. Legg advised that Kathy McKenzie would be the representative of the Davie Economic Development Council as his position was temporary. He added that one of the major goals for the EDC was to begin the process for the establishment of a business parking facility within the Town.

Mr. Legg spoke of the recent annual meeting of the EDC where County Commissioner Lori Parrish indicated that the manner in which the Town was being developed left a lot to be desired particularly the development of State Road 84 and the erection of storage warehouses. He indicated that it was the consensus that mini storage provided neither the tax revenue nor the job opportunities necessary for growth within the Town. Mr. Legg advised that the EDC was attempting to improve on the type of businesses being brought to the Town and added that the EDC would be working with the South Florida Education Center (SFEC) on research and development projects. He indicated that with the SFEC project in mind, Ms. Wu had completed a Request for Proposal for an impact analysis that he hoped the Town would approve in the near future. Mr. Legg advised that approval of the Request for Proposal would allow the hiring of a consultant to complete a study to determine the Town's tax base.

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Mr. Legg referred to a recent dinner attended by the EDC representatives and economic development representatives from China, and added that the group had specific interest in the Town. He hoped that there would be an opportunity to work with them.

Ms. Wu advised that the Request for Proposal had been submitted to Town Administrator Thomas Willi who would make the final decision as to when it would be placed on the Council agenda. Chair Arnold asked whether Councilmembers were aware of this to which Ms. Wu responded that she was not sure.

Ms. Moore commented that there was constant reference to the right type of business and economic development in the Town; however, it appeared to be "lip service" because although Council argued that it wanted the same thing, projects had often been rejected.

6.5 Davie Merchants and Industrial Association - Wayne Arnold

Chair Arnold advised that the Association was attempting to have County Commissioner John Rodstrom, Jr. as the speaker for the upcoming meeting; however, there had been no firm commitment. He added that the speaker for the June meeting would be Senator Steven Geller.

6.6 Planning and Zoning Board - Edna Moore

Ms. Moore advised of changes on the Board and explained that she was representing the Board for the last time.

6.7 South Florida Education Center - Lynn Goldman

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

6.8 Town Council - Councilmembers Susan Starkey and Tom Truex

Councilmember Truex advised that the Capital Budget would be on the Council agenda in June; however, there were no significant changes except for large items. He indicated that there were allocations for two fire stations as well as for a new Town Hall and added that the Cost Recovery ordinance was not yet completed.

Councilmember Truex referred to an article in the Sun-Sentinel regarding the Davie Commons project. He explained the idea behind the project adding that this was an upscale concept that had been discussed at a recent Council meeting because area residents had expressed concern.

Councilmember Truex asked if the Committee would continue to meet on a monthly basis and expressed the opinion that there might be more enthusiasm if the Committee met quarterly. Chair Arnold commented that he was not opposed to the Committee meeting less regularly, and suggested every other month. He expressed the opinion that if the Committee met quarterly, members would lose interest.

Chair Arnold briefly discussed items for the next Committee agenda and added that it would be interesting to have representatives present to discuss the Davie Commons project at the next Committee meeting. A brief discussion ensued regarding Davie Commons project.

Vice-Chair Bonfiglio inquired as to the amount of the Town's current budget with

Councilmember Truex responding that it was \$50 million.

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**7. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

There were no comments and/or suggestions.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being on further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair/Committee Member