

**LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
JANUARY 12, 2011**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:28 p.m. Board members present were: Chair Mimi Turin, Vice-Chair Philip Busey, Ken DeArmas, Ken Farkas and Tom Jacob. Also present were Attorney Tom Moss, Planning and Zoning Manager David Quigley, Planner Ingrid Allen, and Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 8, 2010

Vice-Chair Busey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jacob, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2010. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 5-0**)

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- 3.1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 12-433, THE TOWN OF DAVIE THEMATIC HISTORIC DISTRICT AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; SECTION 12-433.1, PURPOSE; SECTION 12-433.2 THEMATIC HISTORIC DISTRICT; SECTION 12-433.3, DEFINITIONS; SECTION 12-433.4, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; SECTION 12-433.5, ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. ZB(TXT) 11-1-10 (**Automatically tabled from December 8, 2010**)

Ms. Allen advised of the intent of the ordinance. She provided historical information in order to refresh Agency members on the status of the proposal.

Mr. Jacob asked if Broward County already had a thematic historic district program in place.

Ms. Allen answered that she was only aware of municipalities having such districts but not of the County. She indicated this was based on local significance which would be the justification for the district. It was the direction of Council to establish some cultural history for the Town and the ordinance accomplishes that end.

Vice-Chair Busey wondered if there was another way to accomplish this other than through an ordinance procedure. He indicated that a lot of the details in the ordinance were good ideas and good guidelines and he questioned if the Town possessed a policy or procedures manual that would address this issue. Ms. Allen responded that the comprehensive plan for the Town did have a policy with regards to historical preservation, but that it was a very broad policy.

Vice-Chair Busey indicated that he leaned toward Council appointing a historical committee rather than being overwhelmed with another responsibility.

Chair Turin stated that she would not second guess the Council since it was their direction to have staff create this ordinance. Vice-Chair Busey contended that that would put the Council in the position of reviewing itself and he asked Ms. Allen if she was aware of any other municipalities which did that.

Ms. Allen indicated that she had researched many other municipalities in Broward County and in the United States. Other municipalities such as Hollywood and Pompano Beach had more stereotypical historical districts, but that was not the reality of the Town. She advised that the ordinance established the "ground work" or "baby step" for a historical district. Ms. Allen had forwarded the ordinance to be reviewed by a historic preservation planner in the Historical Resources Division at the Department of State. His comments were that it was not the most sophisticated historic preservation ordinance he had ever seen; however, he indicated it was a valid ordinance suitable as a beginning for the Town. Ms. Allen acknowledged that other municipalities had appointed historic committees made up of members with expertise in architecture and historic backgrounds related to historic preservation. She, therefore, sent an invitation to the Women's Club to invite a member of the

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club to be on the Committee besides Council members. The response was that they felt well represented since two members of Council were already members of the Women's Club. Ms. Alan did not know how many of the municipalities in the County had self-appointed historic committees.

Vice-Chair Busey expressed that he could support this as an independent committee appointed by Council. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of having an independent committee with the professional expertise to determine valid qualifications in order to be considered for historic preservation. Ms. Allen reminded Agency members that in the ordinance there were set standards on how to review property to see if it qualified. It was agreed that Vice-Chair Busey's idea "of planting the seed" for Council to consider an independent committee, to be part of the motion.

Chair Turin asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against this item.

John Maliff spoke of concerns which had been expressed by the Community Redevelopment Agency. The two concerns regarded: 1) a proposed north/south roadway to be built behind the businesses which fronted Davie Road from the west; and 2) the prospect of burying overhead utility lines. He wondered if this ordinance would have an impact on those plans. Ms. Allen believed that it would not be an issue for the CRA.

As there were no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Farkas made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeArmas, to approve on the recommendation that Council consider an independent committee to include people with expertise in the relevant area. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Chair Turin – yes; Vice-Chair Busey – yes; Mr. DeArmas – yes; Mr. Farkas – yes; Mr. Jacob – yes. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions made.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Agency Member