

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Deltona Economic Development Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 2345 Providence Boulevard, Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Nick Conte, Jr.

2. ROLL CALL:

Karl Brown	Voting Member	Present
Nick Conte, Jr.	Voting Member	Present
Robert Desmond	Voting Member	Present
Susie M. Eutsey	Voting Member	Present
Richard Provini	Voting Member	Present
Frank Rodriguez	Voting Member	Present
Dennis Starke	Voting Member	Present
Patrice Murphy	Business Dev/Grant Manager	Present
Maria Perez-Conde	Recording Secretary	Present

Also in attendance was Chris Bowley, Director of Planning and Development Services

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairman, Nick Conte, Jr. determined there was a quorum present.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting – December 8, 2008

Motion by Karl Brown, seconded by Robert Desmond to adopt the minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting of November 10, 2008, with one minor change. The third paragraph under Public Participation should read “next” city commission meeting. Motion carried by unanimous decision.

5. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chris Bowley, Director of Planning and Development Services introduced himself to the board.

- 20 years of service in the area working in Planning and Development, (last five years as a developer).
- Built mostly sub-divisions, but also developed commercial and south parcels
- Focused on marketing and business development and generation to increase property and land value.

Nick Conte asked Mr. Bowley if there was anything the board can help or assist him with.

Chris Bowley stated that he had attended the VPAC Committee meeting in Volusia MPO that day and it was good because the ECHO tourism focused on Enterprise Road and the Thornby property which Patrice has been involved in stands to at least make the orientation of development on that side, where it ties in with the Osteen local plan which is being adopted jointly with the County. This board would be influential in that.

Mr. Bowley also stated that the Activity Center is big right now. The meeting that is being held this Friday is about the water supply issue with the County. It is imperative that we eventually control our own resources because that is going to tie directly with the City's ability to compete with other cities for business. The big part of this board is to help us run a public utility that will make Deltona more self sufficient over the next 10-20 years.

Nick Conte commented that that would be a good action item to add on to the list of things to do and that the board was looking forward to Mr. Bowley attending future meetings. He also mentioned that the board was having a joint meeting with the commission next week and they were going to ask for direction.

Robert Desmond stated that Saxon Blvd is zoned Residential. Why can't the city go in 2-3 blocks and zone commercial?

Chris Bowley stated that there are several ways to rework a corridor and that's one way, but that it was going to take some time to come up with some functional standards to implement.

Patrice Murphy stated that one thing they were looking at was the Future Land Use.

Chris Bowley stated that the board should be the originator or force behind it. Let's think of an "interim" or an "alternate". What do we have today and the alternate which is the Comp. Plan. The board can also help us with the impact fee analysis for the next time.

Nick Conte mentioned that he had personally sent an e-mail to the commissioners as a citizen of Deltona regarding the issue of gambling in Debary. It might come up in the joint commission meeting and he wanted everyone on the board to know about it.

Nick Conte thanked Mr. Bowley for attending the meeting.

Patrice Murphy stated that she has had several inquiries into the Façade Grant Program and was waiting for someone to submit an application. She said that Dr. Carrera was interested but had not completed his application. The property has to be in a targeted area and Dr. Carrera's chiropractor office was in a target area.

Nick Conte explained to the board how the joint commission meeting worked. Patrice Murphy stated that the joint meeting usually lasted around 1hr -1 1/2hrs and she was going to provide the commission information on the JPA meetings she has attended.

Patrice Murphy mentioned that the February meeting will feature Sam Goodwin from the BDP (East Side). Mr. Goodwin will be here to give us a description of what they've been doing and what the prospects are. Patrice also stated that there was a press release the first part of December about the Florida Hospital purchasing land in Deltona. They purchased 2 parcels in the County and that she will reach out to the hospital to see if they can be annexed in because they were going to need our water/infrastructure and our sewer.

Patrice Murphy mentioned that she was working on updating the "Deltona means Business" website.

Nick Conte mentioned that it would be a fun board project if they could go back and rewrite some of the stuff.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Robert Desmond asked Patrice Murphy if she could go ahead and get together with Rick Michaels to see if he had any inventory regarding tax incentives.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman, Nick Conte called for motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Desmond. Motion carried by unanimous decision. Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Nick Conte, Jr., CHAIRMAN

Maria Perez-Conde, RECORDING SECRETARY

