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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2013 - 6:00PM

Roosevelt Gardens Park

2841 NW 11th Street

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present:

Ms. Deloris Jackson, Chair
Ms. Alverine Brihm, Vice Chair
Mr. Eligha Lewis III, Advisory Board Member
Mr. Theotis Pressley, Advisory Board Member
Reverend Jesse Scipio, Advisory Board Member
Ms. Tanya Freeman, Advisory Board Member
Ms. Julia Porter, Advisory Board Member

County Staff:

Commissioner Dale V. Holness, Broward County Commission
Mr. Henry Sniezek, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division
Mr. Sheldon Riles, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division
Mr. Michael Huneke, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division
Mr. Albert E. Cummings, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division
Mr. John E. Naclerio III, Office of the County Attorney
Mr. Gerald Henry, Broward County Permitting, Licensing & Consumer Protection Division,
Community Code
Mr. Jeff Day, Broward County Permitting, Licensing & Consumer Protection Division
Mr. Sandy-Michael E. McDonald, Office of Economic and Small Business Development
Ms. Lahoma Scarlette, Aide to Commissioner Holness, Broward County Commission

Guests:

Commissioner Eric L. Haynes, City of Lauderdale Lakes

Lt. Richard Pisanti, BSO

Mr. Antonio Davis, Business Owner

Ms. Heidi Haider, Resident

Mr. William J. Dudley, Jr., Community Member

Mr. Randy Jesus, Tater Town

Ms. Andrea Besada, ARDC and EVS

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and asked for the roll call which was done by Mr. Albert Cummings, meeting recorder.

The Chair opened the meeting requesting each speaker recognize the Chair before speaking, and before going into the first agenda read the prescribed functions, powers and duties of the Advisory Board.

Mr. Eligha Lewis III addressed this issue pointing out that though it states powers and duties, he is looking for goals and objectives.

Mr. Henry Sniezek mentioned the Advisory Board is a sounding board for the County Commission. The Advisory Board may make recommendations to the County Commission. He continued saying that the County Commission or Staff may bring the Advisory Board items to consider. Items may include CRA items but that the Advisory Board is not a CRA Board.

Mr. Lewis said we need to start identifying the roles of the different departments for the Unincorporated Area. We need to get the policy makers involved. He sees staff as a liaison between the community and the County Commissioners and he hasn't seen anything go to the County Commissioners about what we're actually doing.

The Chair suggested we stay with this meeting's agenda.

Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2013 Meeting

The Chair asked for questions or comments about the minutes of the CCCAB meeting held on July 17, 2013. Mr. Elijah Lewis III noted two corrections. A motion was made to amend the minutes and resubmit for approval. The motion was seconded and approved.

Staff update on outdoor vendor sales

Mr. Jeff Day stated that he worked informally with a food truck operator to check the feasibility of operating a food truck business in a location within Central County and determined that the site can accommodate a mobile food unit along with the car wash as long as there is cooperation from the car

wash business and the owner of the property. Along with other mobile food units in the area, it is presently an illegal use.

Reverend Scipio pointed out that this business is not a mobile unit. Also if this business is allowed to exist there under the term mobile unit, other such businesses will want to do the same so he suggested re-wording the business type or he would not agree to have this business there.

Mr. Day stated it is mobile by definition.

Reverend Scipio stated it is a mobile vendor and there are other mobile vendors who cannot legally do business in the area.

Mr. John Naclerio III pointed out this could not be done under existing codes and would take some revisions to zoning codes.

Mr. Day said they would have to change the codes for mobile vendors in the Unincorporated Broward area.

Mr. Naclerio stated it would take a recommendation from this Board to say they want a mobile food truck and then it would be up the Board of County Commissioners to either move forward and amend the zoning code or not. They would want a recommendation for this Board before they amend the zoning code in Central County Community.

Ms. Alverine Brihm asked if this is approved, how long they can stay there.

Mr. Day said it depends on the code.

Mr. Lewis told the vendor in the 4 years of operation, he didn't receive the necessary zoning and this is the problem which is why they are there illegally. He stated the vendor has been there illegally for 4 years and now he wants to become legal and so doesn't see why we should amend the ordinance to accommodate one person. He added we need stronger codes and not weaker ones.

Mr. Sniezek offered the alternative of having staff report to the County Commission that this Advisory Board would like us to investigate whether to allow similar type uses for stationary mobile units. He pointed out this would not be solely for this business but any similar situated type of use would be allowed if they met the criteria. If the Advisory Board is not in favor of moving forward the item would be closed.

Reverend Scipio stated he will not vote to change the status but he is in agreement with Mr. Sniezek's suggestion to investigate this issue for the sake of this business.

Reverend Scipio then made a motion to investigate the possibilities of accommodating these gentlemen without changing existing codes.

Mr. Sniezek mentioned there's no county program providing funding for moving this business into a building.

Visiting guest Commissioner Eric L. Haynes, City of Lauderdale Lakes spoke on behalf of Mr. Antonio Davis and his entrepreneurship as well as alternatives to wholesale zoning change. He also spoke about economic development and implementing standards for the community businesses.

Reverend Scipio made the motion again to investigate the possibilities of accommodating these gentlemen without changing existing codes.

Commissioner Holness spoke about the community not wanting street corner vendors. He mentioned that this business is not a street corner vendor because it's in a commercial plaza. He suggested we look at possible options to help this business in a commercial area without damaging the community by not having street corner vendors popping up throughout.

Mr. William J. Dudley, Jr., Community Member and retired School Principal spoke on behalf of Mr. Antonio Davis and his business aspiration. He pointed out the need for jobs in this community and for the need to promote entrepreneurship and job creation. Mr. Dudley stated that Mr. Davis' business employs 8 people.

Ms. Julia Porter agreed with the speaker and suggested the Advisory Board work with staff to find a way to allow this business to exist and also focus on bringing jobs into the community.

Mr. Lewis suggested giving Mr. Antonio Davis' business a time limit of 2 to 3 years to move on without changing the ordinance.

Commissioner Holness pointed out that there must be an amendment to the ordinance to allow them to continue operating as is so that if anyone else is in a similar situation, they also could benefit from this. This cannot be done for this business alone. He said we have to have fairness and equity.

Mr. Sniezek offered to bring generic options to an upcoming meeting or to make a motion now to support mobile food trucks in commercial areas and this would be a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Pressley seconded Reverend Scipio's motion.

Mr. Sniezek pointed out there's no way they can be allowed to stay on the property without changing the code.

Mr. Naclerio asked if it is possible for a structure to be built on the site and was told no.

Mr. Day said if they left the code intact and wrote another amendment, this would be an option.

The motion on the floor was voted on all in favor and none opposed.

Discussion on Senior Care Programs from Broward County Elderly and Veterans Services Division

Ms. Andrea Besada gave a presentation on behalf of ARDC and EVS. She informed the Advisory Board of the programs available and the many ways in which the community, young and old, can be assisted when the needs arise.

Discussion on Main Contact Person for Central County

Mr. Sniezek addressed this agenda saying the Planning and Redevelopment Division acts as liaison between the Central County Community Advisory Board and the Board of County Commissioners. He named Sheldon Riles, Michael Huneke, Jeff Day, Gerald Henry and himself as primary contact persons within the Division.

Presentation on Tater Town (Randy Jesus)

Mr. Randy Jesus presented on changing the appearance of Tater Town and spoke about the proposals of Professor Abbate of FAU. Professor Abbate picked 12 graduate architectural students who came to the community and took measurements and spoke with the people. They plan to propose changes that are aesthetically appealing and functional for customers.

The Chair asked how long Mr. Jesus has been there and he answered almost 50 years.

The Chair asked how come it hasn't been enclosed during this time.

Mr. Day answered saying it has to do with concerns for fire among other things.

Lt. Richard Pisanti gave an update on the illegal on-street parking situation in the community informing the Advisory Board of the previously requested changes that has been honored. He pointed out that BSO stickered 44 cars that were either illegally parked, had bad tags or were disabled vehicles. Lt. Pisanti further stated that 33 of those vehicles were removed by the owners, 2 were towed and 4 were moved, correctly tagged then returned to the street. 5 are presently pending.

Mr. Sheldon Riles asked the Board members to contact him by phone or email with any agenda items they wish to discuss in upcoming meetings within a week of any current meeting.

Mr. Pressley requested the presence of the Mayor and Vice Mayor at the next meeting and asked that the matter of the homeless in Broward County and the effectiveness of the emergency number 211 be an item on the next meeting's agenda. He also charged each Advisory Board Member with the task of championing an issue that's near and dear to their heart that we can vote on and talk about openly.

Commissioner Holness spoke on Broward County's holistic approach to working with the homeless with a sense of permanency.

Mr. Sniezek petitioned the Advisory Board for flexibility regarding the invitation of the Mayor and Vice Mayor due to their busy schedules. He will ask if they can attend either next month or the following month.

ADJOURN

The Chair made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.