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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, June 18TH, 2014 - 6:00PM

Franklin Park Community Center

2501 Franklin Drive

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present:

Ms. Alverine Brihm, Chairperson

Ms. Julia Porter, Vice Chairperson Advisory Board Member

Ms. Tanya Freeman

Mr. Theotis Pressley

Reverend Jesse Scipio

Mr. Eligha Lewis III (entered the meeting during discussion of non-agenda related items)

Board Members Excused or Absent:

Mr. Robert Miller

County Staff:

Commissioner Dale V. Holness, Broward County Commission

Ms. Lahoma Scarlette, Broward County Commission District 9

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

Ms. Maribel Feliciano, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division

Ms. Heather Cunniff, Code and Zoning Enforcement Unit Manager

Mr. Chris Atkinson, Broward County OESBD

Mr. Steve Tinsley, Broward County OESBD

Mr. Jeff Day, Zoning Official

Mr. John E. Naclerio III, Office of the County Attorney

Mr. Gerald Henry, Code Enforcement & Community Code Compliance

Mr. Sandy-Michael McDonald, RHS Director of Economic and Small Business Development

The Chair called the meeting to order and requested roll call be taken by Ms. Heather Cunniff

After roll call the Chair asked that each speaker be recognized by the Chair before commenting or asking questions to ensure having an orderly meeting, and also asked that the agenda be followed.

Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2014 Meeting

Ms. Julia Porter motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Theotis Pressley seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Board Follow-Up on the April 16, 2014 discussion of the Proposed NW 27th Economic development strategy

Mr. Henry Sniezek spoke of the 3 components brought before the Central County Community Advisory Board in April. A “Safe Streets” proposal, identifying targets for redevelopment, and a funding strategy handed out previously by Mr. Sandy-Michael McDonald, RHS Director of Economic and Small Business Development.

Mr. Sniezek asked for their recommendation on these matters so staff could move forward.

Mr. Theotis Pressley questioned making 27th Avenue a two lane road and proposed alternative ideas. He then stated he is not supporting this proposal.

Mr. Sniezek responded to Mr. Pressley’s question and Lt. Richard Pisanti also addressed the proposed changes for 27th Avenue pointing out the ways in which crime could be deterred as a result. Discussion followed.

A visitor asked about the business portion of the proposed plan.

Mr. Sandy-Michael McDonald addressed this question and pointed out that he met with various property and business owners to discuss this matter and the ways in which they are impacted by the proposal. He stated that he wanted to target businesses along 27th Avenue that would be willing to take one of the demolition grants or loans to make sure that we can improve that area. Mr. McDonald also emphasized that the goal is to take a look at Central County in its entirety and if there was another property or business that is interested, willing and able to receive a grant or loan to improve their property, they would do that at the same time. He continued to describe this process.

The Chair asked if this proposal is approved, what is the timeline on the project and when will it begin.

Mr. McDonald said if it's approved by the County Commission, there would be a 90 day period to work out the definition of the loan program, the grant program and those necessary criteria; however there is a realistic chance there could be some action by the end of this calendar year.

The Chair asked what the tax incentive will be that is allocated to housing improvement.

Mr. McDonald noted the possibility of increased tax dollars from commercial investments to be used in the residential community.

Reverend Jesse Scipio spoke of the importance of job creation being included in the criteria for the allocation of grant funds.

Mr. Sniezek noted that Ms. Bertha Henry has been fully briefed on the proposed Economic Development Strategy. He also pointed out that some of the funding that is being proposed for this project is being requested from the Broward MPO and the MPO supports the bicycle improvement aspect of it. If this is removed from the project, there will be less money to work with.

The Chair called for a motion to move the Economic Development Strategy forward.

Ms. Julia Porter made a motion to move forward with the Economic Development Strategy. The motion was seconded and passed 3 to 2.

Staff Update on Stationary Mobile food Units

Mr. Jeff Day highlighted key points of the ordinance which allows accessory outdoor grilling at restaurants and adding hours of operation for mobile food units. One is a time limit of 4 years at the same location and another being operating hours from 11:00AM to 11:00PM.

Mr. John E. Naclerio III reiterated the requests which brought about this proposed ordinance and explained its requirements in terms of its two aspects, accessory outdoor grilling and operating a stationary mobile food unit.

The Chair asked for an explanation of item 1 which states that an existing restaurant holding a current certificate of use shall obtain a new certificate.

Mr. Day explained that a new site plan process will have to be done and it will be amended to read accessory outside grilling.

Commissioner Dale V. Holness mentioned that he visited and spoke with Skip of the Grill Masters who is presently in the hospital after suffering a stroke. He pointed out that the proposed ordinance will require them to go through a process to get licensed in order operate at the new standards set forth. Commissioner Holness also pointed out that another restaurant on 27th Avenue which has an occupational license and does grilling will also have to meet the new standards.

The Chair asked to entertain a motion to move forward with the stationary mobile food unit proposal.

Ms. Julia Porter motioned to recommend the Board of County Commissioners adopt the proposed ordinance. The motion was seconded by Reverend Scipio and unanimously approved.

Mr. Naclerio mentioned that the process will take two public hearings before going to the County Commissioners and the process will begin in August.

Discussion on Non Agenda Related Items

The Chair requested a discussion on moving the Central County Community Advisory Board meetings from monthly to quarterly and asked for comments.

Mr. Theotis Pressley expressed a preference to keep the meetings on a monthly basis.

Mr. Porter expressed a preference to meet on a quarterly basis.

Reverend Scipio expressed a preference to meet on a monthly basis.

Mr. Naclerio pointed out that the way the code reads, this Board shall meet no less than quarterly so it is unsure if a motion is necessary. However, if there is important business there can be a meeting every month.

Mr. Henry Sniezek pointed out that if there was no meeting in July, the next quarterly meeting would be in August. He suggested it could be a policy of the Board's to meet quarterly as required and if necessary it could be decided to have a meeting the very next month.

Discussion on this matter continued.

Reverend Scipio moved that the Central County Community Advisory Board meetings remain quarterly.

In light of the lack of need for a motion, the Chair stated the meetings will henceforth be quarterly.

The Chair asked that the next meeting's agenda include abandoned properties and code violations.

Reverend Scipio also asked to invite staff from waste and recycling to discuss violations regarding covering swales with trash.

Lt. Richard Pisanti was asked questions and he gave a background on BSO operations and offered to bring response statistics to the next meeting. He opened the floor to questions.

Reverend Scipio, in acknowledging that some calls are forwarded from BSO to Ft. Lauderdale Police Department asked if it's a protocol for the police to ask the caller their color.

Lt. Pisanti said no and the BSO does not support anyone that asks what color, creed or background the caller is when a call is received. He pointed out that the call is for service no matter where the caller is from or what the caller is. However, questions regarding the identity of the alleged perpetrator are asked so the correct individuals can be approached when the police arrive.

Discussion continued about police matters among visitors and Board Members. Lt. Pisanti addressed all questions.

Adjourn

Reverend Scipio made a motion to adjourn, the Chair seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously approved.

At this point, a visitor asked about back to school book bag giveaways. Mr. Dan West, Director of Parks and Recreation's phone number (954-357-8106) was provided.