

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND
THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

There was a joint meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) and the Economic Development Division (EDD) on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501 of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting and review the agenda and minutes on the IRC website - www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2009. Please note listed at the end of each agenda item refers to time on the recorded minutes.

EDC Members Present

Susan Adams, City of Fellsmere
Robert Bradshaw, Alternate for the Town of Indian River Shores
Doug Bournique, Local Industry
Penny Chandler, IR Chamber of Commerce
Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian
Kevin Gould, Manufacturing
Andrew Kennedy, Member-At-Large
Debbie MacKay, School Board
Jan Pagano, Civic Organization
William Penney, Banking
Talmage Rogers, Jr., Citrus Industry
Kevin Sawnick, Alternate for the City of Vero Beach

EDC & EDD Members Present

Scott Carson, Real Estate
Helene Caseltine, Alternate for the IR Chamber of Commerce
James Kretsch, Member-At-Large
Peter O'Bryan, EDC Non-Voting Commissioner Liaison
Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez, Member-At-Large
Gwenda Thompson, Workforce Solutions
Donald Wright, Sebastian Chamber of Commerce

EDC Members Absent

Deb Branwell, Town of Orchid
Thomas Cadden, Town of Indian River Shores
Deborah Fromang, City of Vero Beach
Victor Hart, Gifford Community
Keith Kite, Tourist Industry
Peter Robinson, Local Developer

EDD Members Present

Bryce Babcock, MRA Realty
Rhonda Blakey, Workforce Solutions
Amy Brunjes, Florida Power & Light
Joe Coakley, Workforce Solutions
Marcelo Dossantos, Workforce Solutions
David Hooper, RBC Bank
Richard Gissert, Northern Trust
Jim Keenan, Bank United
Dan Kross, First United Bank
Elaine Murphy, Wachovia Bank
Ken Penny, National City
Jeff Schlitt, Schlitt Insurance
Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner
Karl Zimmerman, Thorpe Sotheby's Int'l. Realty

Others Present

Greg Brown, Wachovia Bank
Ray Crabbs, New Planet Energy

IRC Staff

Sasan Rohani, Long Range Planning Chief
Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4

Call to Order (00:00:13)

EDC Chairman Carson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

Presentation By New Planet Energy (00:02:38)

Mr. Ray Crabbs, Vice President of Business Development and Founder of New Planet Energy, gave a presentation on Renewable Energy for the 21st Century, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He went into detail on the Bio Process for converting waste to energy. A discussion followed on the proposed New Planet Energy Power Plant and the economic benefits the power plant could bring to IRC.

Mr. Crabbs hoped to break ground on the New Planet Energy Power Plant in the third quarter of 2009 and estimated the plant being fully functional by the end of 2010.

Approval of Minutes of the December 16, 2008 EDC Meeting (01:01:39)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Rogers, SECONDED BY Mr. Kretsch, the members voted unanimously (16-0) to approve the December 16, 2008 minutes as presented.

Approval of Minutes of the December 3, 2008 EDD Minutes (01:02:01)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Zimmerman, SECONDED BY Ms. Thompson, the members voted unanimously (21-0) to approve the December 3, 2008 minutes as presented.

Election of the 2009 Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the EDC (01:02:16)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Bournique, SECONDED BY Mr. Kretsch, the members voted unanimously (17-0) to elect Ms. Schlitt-Gonzalez as Chairman of the Economic Development Council for 2009.

ON MOTION BY Ms. Thompson, SECONDED BY Mr. Bournique, the members voted unanimously (17-0) to elect Ms. Chandler as Vice-Chairman of the Economic Development Council for 2009.

Update on the BCC Economic Development Summit – Commissioner Peter O’Bryan (01:08:33)

Commissioner Liaison Peter O’Bryan said at the January 20, 2009 BCC Meeting, Commissioner Bob Solari updated the Board on the Economic Development Summit that will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 9 a.m. at a site yet to be determined. He outlined the morning session would be a discussion on Economic Development and the afternoon session on the 2009 Goals and Five Year Strategic Vision for the BCC.

Mr. Kennedy arrived at 4:07 p.m.

Update on the Permitting Task Force – Mr. Andrew Kennedy, Member-at-Large (01:08:33)

Mr. Kennedy told the committee Commissioner O'Bryan had asked if he would put together a Permitting Task Force to explore certain aspects of the permitting process and what could be changed or improved upon by working with County staff.

Chairman Gonzalez asked if there was an estimated timeframe for a final report or recommendation by the Permitting Task Force. Mr. Kennedy hoped for a final report prior to the February 5, 2009 Economic Summit.

Chamber Update of Economic Development Activities – Ms. Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director, IRCOC (01:13:42)

Ms. Caseltine gave a report on the IRCOC Update of Economic Development Activities, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. She mentioned IRCOC had been working with the New Plant Energy on their proposed project.

“The Circle of Planning” Presentation and Discussion on the Draft of the Revised IRC Economic Development Element Objectives and Policies – Mr. Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner. (01:19:41)

Mr. Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the “The Circle of Planning” for the Comprehensive Evaluation Appraisal Report Process and handed out a copy of the Draft of the Revised IRC Economic Development Element Objectives and Policies, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Chairman Gonzalez suggested the February and March EDC Meetings be devoted to the revised IRC Economic Development Element Objectives and Policies. She also recommended at the first part of the meeting, the committee could break out in sub-groups and then the last part of the meeting the groups would reconvene and make their recommendations. She asked the members to review the IRC Economic Development Element Objectives and Policies from Objective 2, Policy 2.5 Targeted Industries List through the end of the report (Objective 8).

A question was raised if staff could come up with three different sub-groups to focus on so they could come more prepared. A discussion followed on the Targeted Industries List. The committee asked if Ms. Caseltine could send a copy of Enterprise Florida's Targeted Industries List prior to the February EDC Meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.