

ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC)/City of Vero Beach (COVB) Enterprise Zone Development Agency (EZDA) on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room B1-501 at the County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. Please note that the written minutes will only consist of the motions and decisions requiring action and an audio copy of the meeting will be provided upon request. You may hear an audio of the meeting, and review the agenda and minutes on the IRC website - www.ircgov.com/Boards/EZDA/2007. The numbers listed at the end of each agenda item refers to time on the recorded minutes.

Present were: Chairman Karl Zimmermann, Local Code Enforcement Appointee; Vice Chairman Gwenda Thompson, Workforce Development Board Appointee; Richard Lane, Local Law Enforcement Appointee; Penny Chandler, Indian River Chamber of Commerce Appointee; William Shelly, Resident in Enterprise Zone (EZ) Appointee; Scott Stradley, Member-at-Large Appointee; IRC Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher, Non-voting Liaison and Bill Fish, COVB, Non-voting Liaison.

Absent were members: Joseph Chiarella, Financial, or Insurance Appointee; Anne Douglas, Business in EZ Appointee; Milton Thomas, Member-at-Large Appointee (all excused).

Also present was IRC staff: Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner and Maria Resto, Commissioner Assistant. Others present were: Helene Caseltine, EZ Coordinator.

Call to Order (0:00:15)

Chairman Karl Zimmerman called the meeting to order 8:43 and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes (0:00:35)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Lane, SECONDED BY Ms. Thompson, the members voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the August 9, 2007 meeting minutes as presented.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Shelly, SECONDED BY Mr. Lane, the members voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the October 11, 2007 meeting minutes as presented.

Update on Piper Retention Efforts (0:03:56)

Ms. Caseltine distributed a copy of the letter that was submitted to the Press Journal stating EZDA support to local government efforts to keep Piper Aircraft in Vero Beach.

Mr. Shelly expressed his concerns regarding the EZDA efforts during 2007 and stated they were mainly centralized on Piper retention efforts. Mr. Shelly suggested that for 2008 the EZDA efforts should be directed toward the Gifford Community.

A lengthy discussion followed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Shelly, SECONDED for the purpose of discussion by Mr. Lane, to focus the 2008 EZDA efforts on the Gifford Community issues.

A lengthy discussion followed.

THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION. The members voted 0-5 to approve the motion. Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Lane, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Chandler, and Mr. Stradley voted in opposition. Mr. Shelly abstained from voting. **The motion failed.**

After a lengthy discussion of an item not included in the agenda, Mr. Lane called for a point of order to acknowledge the existence of a meeting agenda and made a recommendation to move to item number 5.

EZDA Vacancies (00:30:12)

A MOTION was made by Ms. Chandler, SECONDED by Ms. Thompson, to request the Gifford Front Porch Council to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commission to fill the EZDA member at large vacancy.

A Discussion Followed

Ms. Chandler AMENDED HER MOTION, Ms. Thompson AMENDED HER SECOND, to notify the Gifford Front Porch Council of the EZDA Member at Large vacancy and indicate that if interested they should submit their application to the Board of County Commission. The members voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the motion.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Chandler, SECONDED by Ms. Thompson, the members voted unanimously (6-0), to rescind her previous motion.

Review of Enterprise Zone Strategic Plan- Action Steps for Plan Implementation (00:45:05)

Due to time limitations, Mr. Zimmermann made a recommendation to move this item for the next meeting.

Staff Report (00:48:07)

Ms. Caseltine provided a brief report on the Tax Benefit Workshop hosted by the Indian River Chamber of Commerce on November 14. Ms. Caseltine pointed out 23 people were in attendance.

In addition, Ms. Caseltine announced that the Indian River Chamber of Commerce was relocating to a temporary office space on December 17 and indicated they would not have email or telephone service on that day

Next Meeting (00:57:25)

Mr. Zimmermann announced that the next meeting was going to be on January 10th at 8:30 am in Conference Room B1-501.

Adjournment (00:57:33)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.