

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, August 21, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room "A" of the County Administration Building, 1840 25<sup>th</sup> 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/2007](http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2007). Please note listed at the end of each agenda item refers to time on the recorded minutes.

Present were members: Chairman William Penney, Banking Appointee; Doug Bournique, Local Industry Appointee; Vice Chairman Peter Robinson, Developer Appointee; Scott Carson, Real Estate Appointee; Deborah Mayfield, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointee; Talmage Rogers, Jr., Citrus Industry Appointee; Ray Coniglio, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce Appointee; Councilmember Debra Fromang, City of Vero Beach Appointee; Mayor Savage, Alternate, City of Fellsmere Appointee; Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez and Deborah Segal, Member-at-Large Appointees; Helene Caseltine, Alternate, Indian River Chamber of Commerce (IRCOC) Appointee, and Peter O'Bryan, Non-voting Commissioner Liaison.

Absent were members: Penny Chandler, IRCOC Appointee; Gary Sullivan, Civic Organization Appointee; Mayor Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian Appointee; Ann Reuter, School Board Appointee; James Kretsch, Member-at-Large Appointee; and Victor Hart, Sr., Gifford Community Appointee (all excused)

Also present were IRC Staff: Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner; George Glenn, Assistant County Attorney and Terri Collins-Lister, Staff Assistant IV. Others present: Michael Kint, Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Indian River County and Karen Smith, Executive Assistant, Indian River Citrus League.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Penney called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of the Minutes of June 19, 2007 Meeting**

Ms. Caseltine noted a correction to the motion on approving the minutes of June 19, 2007 should read:

**Approval of the Minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting**

***ON MOTION BY Mr. Rogers, SECONDED BY Mr. Coniglio, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the May 15, 2007 meeting minutes as presented.***

***ON MOTION BY Mr. Rogers, SECONDED BY Mr. Coniglio, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to approve the June 19, 2007 meeting minutes as amended.***

**Briefing of the IRC Needs Assessment By Mike Kint of the United Way of Indian River County (00:03:30)**

Mr. Kint gave an overview of the Indian River County Needs Assessment Implementation Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

A question was raised regarding funders and Mr. Kint explained that groups such as the IRC Health Department, the County and United Way assisted financially in order to get the Needs Assessment Implementation Plan completed. A discussion followed.

Commissioner O'Bryan told the committee, the Children Services Advisory Committee took the strategies and needs assessment and tailored their request for proposals for the current year from the agencies that had applied in which they had to show they were addressing some of the identified needs.

**Chamber Report - Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director, IRCOC (00:30:53)**

Ms. Caseltine noted as a result from the publicity related to Piper Aircraft and the retention efforts, there were site consultants representing other companies interested in new locations looking at Indian River County. She mentioned one of the companies was Turbogenix, in which they do waste heat recovery. She noted one of the potential companies that eliminated IRC was a food processing distribution facility in which the company was a very intensive water user and anyone located in the St. John's Water Management District was eliminated.

## **Update on Retention Efforts for Piper Aircraft – Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director, IRCOC** (00:37:24)

Ms. Caseltine remarked the retention efforts for Piper Aircraft was continuing and could not go into detail on what the financial negotiations were. She pointed out that no final offer had been made as of yet.

Chairman Penney asked what was the time frame for Piper's decision and Ms. Caseltine felt it could be some time around mid to late September

## **Other Matters** (00:51:09)

Chairman Penney inquired on the status of the application for the University of Florida (UF) Bio-fuel plant. Commissioner O'Bryan told the committee the applications were still being reviewed. A discussion followed on why IRC was a good location for UF Bio-fuel plant.

Mr. Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Economic Planner, reported the 2006 data for the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages became available. He gave a brief summary of the updated IRC Economic Report Card, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Chairman Penney asked the committee to review the Economic Report Card and it would be discussed at the September 18, 2007 meeting.

## **Committee Members Matters** (01:05:28)

Ms. Caseltine stated an Alternative Energy Summit was to be held at the Jupiter Resort on August 27, 2007 and would e-mail the details to anyone that was interested. She mentioned the IRCOC Industry Appreciation Awards Event was scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007 at the Richardson Center and there were only a few spots left.

Mrs. Mayfield came forward and told the committee of the Special Call Meeting to be held by the Vero Beach City Council at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 regarding the redevelopment of the former Crusty's Restaurant site.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.