

going to Kentucky it's an exciting time to compete on the national level. So these are our kids and our community doing great things. It is something to be proud of and actually a very positive moment for our area. We are looking forward to many more great things to come.

Mr. Hogan stated that Butterfly World re-signed a 30 year commitment with Broward County, the Chamber and Parks Foundation.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated the Jay Ghanem is now the Chair of the SAC Committee and asked if there was anything new we can look forward to.

Mr. Ghanem stated the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1st and invited any Council member who wished to attend. It will be great and it will make it more powerful.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated Mr. Ghanem can report back to the Council on anything that is happening. Also Mr. Ghanem is working with the other technical colleges.

H. Presentation - Paola West, Principal Planner (27:00)

Ms. West emailed a copy of her report to all EDC members for their review for the April 23, 2018 meeting. Ms. West summarized the major changes being made and stated many of the changes will now be handled administratively. The following is an excerpt of her report.

Paola West stated the changes being made are to further strengthen Pompano Beach as a "Preferred Place to do Business" and to enhance the City's reputation as being "business friendly." Developmental Services staff hosted two roundtable forums one in August 2017 and the most recent in March 2018. The purpose of these forums was to obtain developer and development community input regarding development processes and zoning requirements.

Ms. West stated with the input obtained, Development Services staff then assessed requirements and processes to identify where additional improvements can or should be made. The text amendments presented herein include changes that stem from suggestions made at the roundtable forums and staff recommendations. That removed the burdensome processes for more streamlined methods. Staff also utilized this amendment to prepare other housekeeping type edits in order to clarify the code and/or to reflect existing policies and interpretations.

Ms. West stated the goal of the combined changes presented is to clean up minor scrivener's errors, make requirements and processes clearer for a more streamlined approval. Also to further clarify policies already implemented.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated everybody got a copy on Thursday. He did not have a chance to get through all of it, as it was 38-40 pages. He got through the highlights of it and is very excited. He asked if anyone had questions, comments or suggestions for Paola or David.

Paul Webb asked when she plans on getting the Commissioners behind this.

Ms. West stated she is scheduled to present it to Planning and Zoning on Wednesday, April 26th. Afterwards, she has to get an Ordinance from Mark Berman and plans to bring it to the Commissioners in May.

Paul Webb stated he would like to give some recommendations when they get done reviewing it.

Mr. DiGiorgio asked if everyone had a chance to review the document.

Mr. Sasso stated he had a housekeeping question as he was not aware there was a document to review beforehand. One of his questions was to make sure that when there is a presentation if he could see any documentation beforehand. Apparently there was some.

Chris Clemens stated that was his fault as he changed his email chain tree. Luis has the old email tree. He apologized and will make sure it is changed.

Mr. Sasso stated normally if there is backup material, being a lawyer, he likes to read stuff like that. Also, as he was writing his notes, the report sounds awesome and was wondering if we got to see it before.

Mr. Perella asked if the email they are referring to came out on Thursday April 19th. He doesn't remembering seeing it either.

Mr. Siefert stated this should reduce some of the cost for developers when they do their site plans because it will eliminate some of the steps.

Ms. West stated we made a clean-up to the DRC process. We now have in place something called a Pre-Application Meeting. It is a flat-fee and we actually get all of the reviewers' including fire and engineering to review the plans beforehand. Before that we have an Initial Development Meeting Checklist which we do for free. All you have to do is submit your conceptual site plan and we look at it. We check for setbacks, green space and anything you can provide. You basically get your make it or break it comments before you put your lease down or buy the property at no cost.

Mr. Perella asked if this impacts Code Enforcement.

Ms. West stated some of the changes in her report are to help them. The report assisted Code enforcement because they were unable to cite properly.

Mr. Perella asked if there any code enforcement issues in violation would those restrictions that were prior be potentially released.

Ms. West stated this is Round 1 and there is going to a Round 2 coming. You will be involved and that one will be a much deeper, landscaping, and non-conforming discussion.

Elaine Fitzgerald stated when we see Round 2 and a big document like this she would appreciate if more important things were highlighted or noted "special attention." If these

sections or a summary of the most important things are highlighted, she feels it would be more helpful to the Council

Mr. DiGiorgio stated you started with the reasons why you're doing this and that is a perfect place to start. An Executive Summary is what you actually did here. Then list some of the highlights we can talk about and be able to advocate for it.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated that he would like to make a Motion after the EDC members review the document. He would send any feedback to Chris Clemens. If there are no significant changes or when Chris gets it, the Motion would be that we approve document and recommend approval by the City Commission.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated it is going to be a retroactive Motion. He is not sure how they are actually going to do this because you're going to make a Motion to approve this without any real negative response. If you guys read it all and say no this doesn't work and no, this doesn't work, and I don't like this then we will have to talk about it again at our next meeting. If there is nothing that's substantive I'd like you to enable us to approve this. We need to give our approval because it is coming forward in May. I don't want us not to have an approval if it's appropriate.

Mr. Perella asked Ms. West if there has been an internal review.

Ms. West stated it is pretty much complete. They are just waiting for the approval of the EDC and the Planning and Zoning which is on Wednesday. They also have to provide a recommendation for the Commission. Mr. Recor stated they expect it to be favorably received.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated this came from them listening to us and other groups like us who had feedback on what we can do better. This is a reaction to that. This is not coming from just internal sources. Although some is, they identified things that were not brought up to them. It is all how do we streamline this process and make it better.

Mr. Rogers stated in regards to doing the best that we can to come up with a means to get this approved in an expedited manner. It is in everybody's best interest here to take out impediments. The presentation was excellent, it shows the intent to do just that but the hiccup is the time isn't there. The Council cannot say flat out, they have all reviewed it. In addition, that they have the summation of all the comments.

Mr. Rogers further stated that in the Executive Summary format sometimes we empower the Chair to make a determination post facto. This falls to me into where the Motion would be that we have heard the presentation, have no objection to the presentation, have the Chair take the collective report what happens and make a determination a solid recommendation and that is conveyed to and you take it from there.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated after getting feedback from this group and reviewing it again myself, having any questions answered that may be out there, you're empowering me to say this group recommends approval to the City Commission.

Mr. Sasso stated we are supporting the intent of the idea, the presentation was excellent, and the idea sounds great. If we have individual comments, which I assume we all are

going to, after reviewing the document, we forward to Mr. DiGiorgio. That is incorporated in a packet to the City Commission or will our individual comments on that then be no longer part of that? Does your summary then becomes the voice of the Board?

Mr. DiGiorgio stated the intent is he can attach the comments or he can look at the comments and recommend approval of the overall text amendments.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated this committee is a 501C6 so it is not covered under the Sunshine law. Therefore they can have ex parte communications.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated that if the comments are so significant that I feel I can't move forward with the recommendation of approval, I will let Paola and David know and they can move it to the June Agenda.

Mr. DiGiorgio stated he wants to make sure everyone has a chance to review it thoroughly. He asked that the comments are sent back to him by May 4, 2018. This will allow him time to review each comment.

Whitney Rawls stated we asked in support of this moving forward. We had asked staff to go out to the development community and get these comments we are now seeing.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers to approve the changes subject to final review by the Chair after receiving comments from members. Motion was seconded by Paul Webb. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Follow up: Chair did not receive any comments from members and suggests no edits. Motion stands as recommendation for approval.

I. Capital Improvements/CRA Update

East CRA Update (53:00)

Jack Rogerson stated there is nothing new going on right now. Whoever got rid of RMA had a good. He has a meeting tomorrow night and has no idea who he is meeting with.

West CRA Update

Whitney Rawls stated City Vista is all leased up and the folks have started moving in. We are moving forward with the 2,000 square feet of co-working space. That will create synergy around co-working and entrepreneurship in the Northwest and for Pompano.

Mr. Rawls said he received a report the restaurant that designated to be near the laundromat was in play. Also, one of the original subleases sold out his portion of the lease to the second party.

Mr. Rawls said we are going to see Hunter's Manor, which are single family homes, RFP in the next month. We also have some traction on the 450 lot in Collier City and that has been delayed for a number of years. The shipping container project is coming to fruition which should be nice for the community.

Jay Ghanem stated he chaired the Committee for Marketing for the CRA Northwest and it's been great. He got his first report from the CRA team last month after 8-9 months,

which is a great stepping stone and gives us information that people are in action and putting their ducks in a row.

Mr. Ghanem stated people internally are now putting in reports. Everybody is aware and reporting to us. We know who works for whom and who is accountable for what. It is important for people to know about BaCA, Ali Building and the CRA Northwest Corridor.

Richard Sasso stated he had a couple of questions regarding the bus terminal on Dixie and Hammondville Road. Mr. Sasso stated there is a really big CRA owned lot next door to that on the South side of MLK. It is next to the bus terminal and is very large. He stated there were proposals for development. They came before the Board or the Commission but nothing is permitted there. He inquired if there was something happening there.

Mr. Rawls stated there were several unsolicited proposals for development that didn't pan out. Some of the issues were financing, water retention or the development team disbursed. Mr. Rawls said what likely is going to happen is there might be 4 or 5 different developers competing for it. It will likely go out for RFP.

Tom DiGiorgio stated that piece of property is inside the Innovation District. Chris Metzger and his team have been hired to go out there and solicit proposals for the overall Innovation District and that is inclusive of that parcel. It is a key piece to the overall Innovation District as part of the Master Plan. Hopefully, we will have more to come than just that property.

Mr. Sasso stated there is a transition with RMA no longer involved in the CRA. He is interested in knowing what the issues are going forward. Mr. Sasso asked if there is any type of transition already happening that folks know or the direction that is going to happen.

Ghanem stated he is a voice for the residents and he listens to what the residents say. His shop is a hub for people coming and sharing. Elaine Fitzgerald shared with us that our city is one of the top cities to be in. We are not sure if the RMA is going to be extended as that is for the Commissioners decision for the City.

Mr. Rawls said there are 3 positions that the City has posted since our City Manager, Greg Harrison, is acting the Executive Director for the CRA. The positions he currently is aware of are for a CRA Project Manager and CRA Director. We as a committee have been asking for some type of finality or solution. There is going to be delay in planning as we don't know how that is going to be in play. Additionally, we don't know what their vision might be. We are still waiting for the City to make a decision. Mr. Rawls stated he believes personally the RMA will longer continue services in the Northwest and we will be okay with that.

Motion was made by Mr. Rogers to approve the changes subject to final review by the Chair after receiving comments from members. Motion was seconded by Paul Webb. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Follow up: Chair did not receive any comments from members and suggests no edits. Motion stands as recommendation for approval.

Motion was made by Roy Rogers that Tom DiGiorgio will rewrite the Motion for Item H. Paul Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Tourism Committee update
Staff Report held on Tourism.

J. Old Business
Item not discussed.

K. Staff Report
Chris Clemens passed out his monthly report. Mr. Clemens stated he will be out of town next week at the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute and will earn his Certificate.

L. Adjournment
Tom DiGiorgio made a Motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

Next Meeting – 4th Monday of the month
May 21, 2018 @ 5:00 pm
Commission Chambers Conference Room
100 West Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL