SUMMARY MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING March 29, 2023 – 5:30 P.M. City Commission Chambers 10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise, FL 33351

A. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER BY: ANNIE COHEN COLES,
-CHAIR

B. ROLL CALL Annie Cohen Coles

Roberta Block Natalya McFarlane Corey LeGrand

Maria Renee Davila - Absent Not Excused

Reginald White Dionne Smith

Danielle Lima – Economic Development Director Stephanie Joseph – Administrative Assistant I

C. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

D. APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2023 SUMMARY MINUTES

Motion was made and carried to approve the March 1, 2023 summary minutes. Annie Cohen Coles made a motion and Dionne Smith seconded. There was no opposition from the board.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Roberta inquired about the new apartment building on 44th street & Pine Island. Danielle explained that upgrades have been made to the pavers and entry way. The development is very close to being completed.

Hospital update – The city is currently working through a few challenges with the access into the hospital. A lot of negotiating with the County and State to address the access. The city is hoping to resolve the issue within the next 60 days.

Natalya inquired about the empty office space data to see where the trend is going. Danielle does not have the most recent data but can provide that information at the next meeting.

Natalya inquired about the revamping of the arch way across the art plaza. Danielle explained that currently there are is plans or funding allocated for the arch way.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Corey inquired about having a representative from a developer to speak at a future meeting. Reginald suggested to get a representative from the building department or planning and zoning to discuss the process. Danielle explained that someone from the Community Development would be the best person to come and speak. Danielle will invite the Community Development Director or Deputy Director to explain the process.

Corey inquired about the American Dream Miami mall projected to be completed in 2026 and how that will impact the Sawgrass Mall. Danielle explained that Sawgrass Mall may need to expand their entertainment.

Reginald asked how can we get more funding for the Freebee car service. Danielle explained that half of the funding for the program comes from the FDOT grant for 3 years while the city pays the other half. There is a possibility to reapply for the grant for another extension. The city will continue to evaluate the demand and if more cars are needed, sponsorship funding is an option.

Corey inquired about hurricane preparedness. Danielle explained that the Fire department handles anything related hurricane preparedness.

Call to Artist (parking lot on sunset strip) – Close to 80 artists have applied. The evaluation committee will than start to evaluate the art that was submitted and shortlist 3 artist. The committee will than make a recommendation to the Commission.

A new call to artist was recently opened for the entryway into the Village Art Plaza for two sculptures. The call to artist will close on May 1st, 2023.

Another call to artist that is in the works is a Sculpture inspired by the upside-down house. There will also be a sculpture built near the Senior Center.

Traffic Control Art Wraps – 17 new art wraps were just implemented. Danielle explained the process of selecting the artists for the traffic art wrap.

G. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Natalya inquired about the where the mindset is in terms of the Economic Development Office. Danielle explained that nothing has changed and the

mindset is still the same.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Corey LeGrand to adjourn. Second by Roberta Block at 6:18 P.M.

The next meeting will be on May 3rd, 2023.

Transcribed by: Stephanie Joseph, Board Secretary/ Stephanie Joseph

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