**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**May 3, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.**

**City Commission Chambers**

**10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise, FL 33351**

**A. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER BY: REGINALD WHITE,**

**VICE-CHAIR**

**B. ROLL CALL** Annie Cohen Coles

Roberta Block **– Absent Excused**

Natalya McFarlane **– Absent Excused**

Corey LeGrand

Maria Renee Davila

Reginald White

Dionne Smith

Danielle Lima – Economic Development Director

Stephanie Joseph – Administrative Assistant I

**C. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**D. APPROVAL OF MARCH 29, 2023 SUMMARY MINUTES**

## Motion was made and carried to approve the March 29, 2023 summary minutes.Annie Cohen Coles made a motion and Reginald White seconded. There was no opposition from the board.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

Danielle provided the Board with a copy of the vacancy rates in Sunrise. Commercial/Office vacancy rates are still high due to market changes since COVID especially in the office market. Danielle provided an example with American Express which is giving their employees the option to work fully remote or hybrid.

Annie inquired about the difference between availability and vacancy. Danielle explained that vacancies are ready to move in and availability is marketing a space for lease or sublease that is still being occupied.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

Metropica update – Annie provided a news article regarding Metropica developer seeking 250 million joint venture partners for the Sunrise project. Danielle explained that the owners have struggled with completing the project due to market changes and other challenges. Metropica is currently trying to find an equity partner to fully fund and complete the project.

FLA Arena update – The Panthers have until 2027 to decide if they would like to stay at the FLA Arena. Danielle explained that the County is planning to develop a mixed-use development with residential, commercial and hotel around the arena.

Corey inquired about the next beatification judging. Danielle will get more information from Code Compliance when the next round will be taking place.

Art wrap update – All control boxes are completely wrapped in Sunrise.

Call to artist update – There are three call to artist going on now. (1) Parking lot on 1200 Sunset Strip. The top three artist have been selected to move on to the next phase. (2) Village Art Plaza entryway features (3) The upside-down house inspired sculpture will go in the new Village Art plaza along with two entry way sculptures. Also, the Flamingo Liner Park sculpture is under fabrication.

Danielle is also working on the Public Art master plan which will be a guide for the next 5 – 10 years. The City has selected a company to create the master plan with and currently in the negotiating process.

New Florida Bill (Senate bill 102) – The State created a new bill for developers that want to build on commercial or industrial land. If Developers build at least 40% affordable housing, they are able to build without a land use plan amendment, rezoning or Commission approval. The new bill becomes affective on July 1st, 2023. Corey suggested for a developer to speak at a future meeting. Danielle will invite developer Tim Hernandez to the July meeting. Reginald asked if there are pros to the new bill. Danielle explained from an economic stand point that the bill does help with pushing projects along quicker.

**G. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION**

New Businesses coming soon - Crunch Fitness, Athletica Gym, and Olive Garden.

The Board decided to change the July 5th meeting to July 12th. There was no opposition from the board.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Dionne Smith to adjourn. Second by Corey LeGrand at 6:25 P.M.

The next meeting will be on June 7th, 2023.

Transcribed by: Stephanie Joseph, Board Secretary/ Stephanie Joseph

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S.S. 286.0105.