

SUMMARY MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

September 6th, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

Everglades Conference Room (New City Hall)

10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise, FL 33351

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

B. ROLL CALL
Annie Cohen Coles
Roberta Block
Natalya McFarlane
Maria Renee Davila
Reginald White – **Absent Excused**
Dionne Smith

Danielle Lima – Economic Development Director

Stephanie Joseph – Administrative Assistant I

Reilly Bridgers – City Manager’s Office Intern

C. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

D. APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2023 SUMMARY MINUTES

Motion was made and carried to approve the August 9, 2023 summary minutes. Roberta Block made a motion and Dionne Smith seconded. There was no opposition from the board.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Roberta inquired about the emergency room canal. Danielle explained that she does not know the status but the canal is required for the approval process.

Natalya asked about the Stunning Sunrise Award winner. Danielle will share the winner with the Board via email before the next meeting.

Roberta inquired about the building on 44th Street. Danielle explained that the building is almost complete. There are a few things the builder has to complete to obtain the certificate of completion.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Annie asked if Olive Garden is coming to Sunrise. Danielle explained that

Olive Garden will be coming.

Danielle provided an update regarding the Brewery which will be located in the new Art Plaza in East Sunrise. Danielle explained that the Brewery is finalizing the design for the construction of the space to submit for permitting. The Art Plaza is expected to be completed in February 2024.

Natayla inquired about public art being placed near the stop signs in East Sunrise. Danielle explained that at this moment there are no plans for public art near the stop signs. The City has a limited budget to work with for public art. The priority at the moment is finishing the Art Plaza. Danielle also explained that the City is in the process of developing an Art master plan.

Danielle provided an update regarding the new Coffee Shop that will be located in the Art Plaza. Kay Rico is a family-owned coffee shop located in Hollywood and will be opening a location in Sunrise soon. The City is starting the design of the coffee shop.

There will be a request for interest (RFI) put out to businesses that exist in the region for two empty bays in the Art Plaza. The City is leaving the idea open for suggestions but ties into the entertainment component of the Art Plaza. Natayla asked if the new businesses would compete with the brewery for business. Danielle explained that the brewery is open to more entertainment businesses in the Art Plaza which creates a destination to attract more people.

Danielle explained that there will also be a request for interest (RFI) for the redevelopment of the units across from City Park. The RFI will be put out to the development community for the 1.4-acre land.

Maria inquired about programs for Small businesses in Sunrise. Danielle explained that there are mainly two programs that benefit small businesses. The first program is the Sunrise Small Business Academy which applications are open now. The academy is open twice a year with six classes completely free of charge. The second program is Shop Sunrise which helps to support our local businesses by promoting the business to the residents. Reilly briefly explained the gift card program which will be opening very soon. Reilly also explained that he will be attending city events to speak about the Shop Sunrise program to residents to get the word out.

Danielle provided an update regarding Freebee. Danielle explained that the city has been Freebee's biggest success in terms of rideshare increase. There are no plans at the moment to add more vehicles. Danielle will provide a Freebee presentation for the next meeting.

G. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Roberta inquired about a tour of the new City Hall. Danielle explained that the City may be hosting a formal ribbon-cutting and tours once the City Hall is fully completed.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Roberta Block to adjourn. Second by Natalya McFarlane at 6:18 P.M.

The next meeting will be on October 4th, 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.