

**DOWNTOWN/BALLOUGH ROAD
REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOARD
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING**

A Special Meeting of the Downtown/Balough Road Redevelopment Area Board was held Tuesday, February 28, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 301 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida. The following members were present:

Board Members

Mr. Harold Goodemote, Chair
Mr. Robert Abraham
Mr. Daniel Harshaw
Mr. Larry Robinson
Ms. Cathy Washington
Mr. Scott Weidman
Mr. Jack White
Mr. Paul Zappitelli

Board Members Absent

Dr. Kent Sharples

Staff Members Present

Mr. Reed Berger, Redevelopment Director
Mr. Jason Jeffries, Redevelopment Project Manager
Ms. Carrie Lathan, Assistant City Attorney
Ms. Becky Groom, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mr. Goodemote called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Groom called the roll and noted members present as stated above.

3. DEV2014-012, Site Plan, News Journal Center Scene Shop

Mr. Jeffries presented the staff report included in the board packet.

Board Action:

Ms. Washington made a motion to approve DEV2014-012, Site Plan, News Journal Center Scene Shop. Mr. White seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously (8-0).

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Board Comments

Mr. Harshaw stated that Mr. McLemore, Public Works Director, made a presentation to the Board at the February 4, 2014, meeting regarding projects taking place in the City over the next ten years. Mr. Harshaw stated the Board should ask the City Commission to redirect the improvements to International Speedway Boulevard. Mr. Harshaw stated the improvements to the area from Nova Road to the railroad tracks was as important as improvements needed for the area from A1A to U. S. 1. He stated that most of the planned development was on the east side and should be a priority.

Ms. Washington stated she disagreed because by the time the project was half-way completed, there would be no funding and the area that has the most of the issues would not be corrected. She stated the area between Nova Road and Beach Street was horrible. Ms. Washington stated both International Speedway and Orange Avenue are deplorable.

Mr. Harshaw stated the beach side should be a priority due to the amount of investment in the area by developers. He stated the area between Nova and U. S. 1 was not as bad as the area on the beach side. Mr. Harshaw stated Bethune-Cookman College has the best landscaping along the corridor.

Mr. White stated there are different funding sources for the project.

Mr. Goodemote stated Orange Avenue and ISB are two different projects and are controlled by other entities.

Mr. Harshaw stated the community cannot wait 10 more years for the project to be completed.

Mr. Berger stated the next step was to have the traffic circles designed.

Mr. Harshaw asked who asked for the traffic circles.

Mr. Berger stated they were asked for at the outset and it must be determined if they are feasible on a FDOT road.

Mr. Harshaw stated he does not recall anyone asking for traffic circles.

Mr. Berger stated traffic circles done properly are a more efficient way to move traffic.

Mr. Robinson stated before the Seabreeze bridge was built there was a traffic circle in that area. He stated that after the new bridge was built everyone stated it was wonderful that the traffic circle was removed.

Mr. Goodemote asked that the discussion be continued to the next Board meeting.

Big John asked when the plan will be available.

Mr. Berger stated he will provide the answer to Big John's question at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



Harold L. Goodemote, Chair



Becky Groom
Recording Secretary