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Minutes to the Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization Committee meeting on 8-4-2011

Present for the Committee: Chair David Berezniak (DB), Emma Mulvaney-Stanak (EMS), Kurt Wright (KW)
Staff present: Larry Kupferman (LK), David E. White, Richard Haesler
Others present: Mayor Bob Kiss, Lewis Holmes, Anna Guyton, Jonathan Leavitt, Jay Vos

Chair Berezniak called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

1) Agenda for tonight and minutes from 6/28/11:

KW moves to approve the agenda as presented and to approve the minutes from 6-28-11; EMS seconds and so moved.

2) Public comment:

Members of the public commented on the Resolution regarding Community Standards with regard to climate change partners, sponsors and contractors. Generally, the 4 members of the public acknowledged that the re-drafted language created an “advisory” format but they all believed the resolution language could be stronger.

3) A Resolution regarding Community Standards with regard to climate change partners, sponsors and contractors:

EMS: per the intent of the previous meeting, the draft was to be reviewed by the city attorney as an advisory document but with stronger language included; the draft before the committee tonight has been reviewed and edited (in red) by Assistant City Attorney Haesler; the edits in blue were revisions made by committee members.

Assistant Attorney Haesler stated that he was concerned that the previous draft only mentioned the advisory nature once where everything else was expressed as mandatory. He wanted the language to be verifiable and believes it states so now.

Mayor Kiss stated that he sees this effort as a disproportionate response to Lockheed Martin and reminds the committee that the agreement between the City and Lockheed Martin is the first one for Lockheed Martin to partner with a city in the U.S. The goal at this point is to recognize aspirational ideals that each party has regarding responses climate change. He suggests that the committee judge the actions and plans that emerge from a cooperative agreement and hopes the committee would defer action until then.

DB: thinks progress has been made by the draft before them and sees that the “advisory” language is cleaner.

EMS: the committee started with nothing and steered for a balanced result; this resolution starts a framework especially with climate change partners; she wants something acceptable and enforceable and for the sake of moving the discussion forward, will continue to support this resolution.

KW: asks the Mayor: does this resolution tie the City’s hands and if it doesn’t pass, would the efforts of the City go in a different direction.

Mayor Kiss: the language in the resolution does not foster an agreeable partnership.

EMS moves to approve the resolution as presented and send it to Council. DB seconds and on a vote of 2-1 (KW against) it passes.

4) Selection of a consulting firm for the Downtown/Waterfront Plan:

David E. White, Director of Planning and Zoning, told the committee that after an extensive RFQ and interviewing process, the Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative was chosen to be the consulting firm for phase 2 and 3 of the HUD Community Challenge grant. He will be recommending this choice to the Planning Commission for approval. Their work will take up and use the phase 1 efforts of a number of consultants who are engaged in collecting and analyzing current conditions and will use the information in the community engagement process (quite extensive) and the regulatory structures (ordinance) proposed.

5) NPA update:

Jenny Davis provided a written update that announces the Neighborhood Improvement Nights whose focus this year will be the HUD Community challenge Grant and public engagement.

EMS moves to accept the written report, KW 2nds and so moved.

6) A motion to make the 1st Tuesday of the month, 6 pm, the standing meeting time for the committee.

EMS moves that the standing night for the Committee's meetings be the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 pm; KW 2nds and so moved.

Meeting adjourns at 7:05 pm.

Notes submitted by Larry Kupferman