



**Executive Board Meeting
October 27, 2014**

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ron Centamore, First VP at 5:35 PM
- 2) **Present:** Ron Centamore, Betty Shelley, Brucie Cummings, Jackson Boren, Steve Stahl.
- 3) **Nominating Committee and upcoming elections:** Betty Shelley stated that Doug needs a volunteer for the nominating committee. Betty will be leaving her position and possibly becoming the chairperson of committees. Several positions are open for new persons to take over and those positions will be announced at the next general meeting.
- 4) **Direction of the Council and Public Participation Ordinance:** Brucie Cummings brought up the issue that we need to get some focus points for the council and nothing is happening. Betty stated that lately we have been focused on what the city is doing. Brucie stated that the city has not responded to issues that we have brought up and the issue of the public participation ordinance was brought up. Ron stated that between the DRC and Planning and Zoning is 60 days and we have asked to be notified early in the process and that is not happening. We are not asking to have the ability to approve, but given a chance to ask questions and be made aware of earlier in the process.
- 5) **Rezoning and New Development:** Ron stated that there are plans to rezone Sistrunk. They want to make it zoned for mixed use which would allow buildings 15 stories. They are in process of reducing the height restriction to 6 stories with setbacks to give an urban village appeal. They did not reduce the parking requirement as they have done downtown and are awaiting comments from city staff concerning the issue. A discussion took place concerning the issue of developers wanting to rezone vacant properties immediately and give them the right to build multi-story buildings directly in front of single family dwellings and are being turned away. There needs to be ordinances in place to protect existing trees when vacant property is being redeveloped. Standards for building heights need to be set. Recently, Aquablue requested a height of 22 stories but was required to be reduced to 17 stories.
- 6) **Committee Report:** Betty stated that the Education Advisory Board has approved the bond issue. They also indicated the importance of the Oversight Committee and strive for a new era of responsibility if the bond issue passes. Jackson brought up the point that Mr. Runcie is a good speaker and covered a lot of issues being addressed, but we still don't know where the money is going and how they arrived at the \$800 million figure. Betty stated that their facilities department went to every school and listed everything that needed to be addressed and that is how they arrived at their figure, but the lists have not been shared with the public. There are issues, such as the point Fred made at the last general meeting that money is being spent on the aquatic center at Fort Lauderdale High instead of addressing education

problems such as antiquated computer equipment and there are a lot of unwise decisions being made.

- 7) CRA Update:** The Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board is having a lunch meeting with the Commission on November 4th to discuss the possibility of expanding the boundaries of the CRA further into the Middle River Terrace Neighborhood and rezoning for multi-use. The original plan was to include up to 5 blocks into the residential neighborhood, but now there is a proposal to increase areas slightly along already commercial properties and rezone them only.
- 8) Membership:** We have acquired a new member, Coral Ridge Country Club Estates.
- 9) Upcoming General Meeting Agenda:** City Staff to give us an update on the Vision Plan. The vision plan is driving all their efforts on density and sustainability we really need to talk with them about it. Smoke free Florida who would like to speak to us for about 20 minutes concerning smoking on the beach and parks. Maria Sachs stated at the last candidates meeting held at ArtServe that she supported the idea.
- 10) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Stahl, Recording Secretary.