

**ANNUAL CITIZEN'S ROUNDTABLE
JANUARY 25, 2011**

The Annual Citizen's Roundtable Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, was called to order by Mayor Nelson S. McDuffie in the Gymnasium at Old School Square at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

Roll call showed:

Present - Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos
 Commissioner Fred B. Fetzer
 Commissioner Adam Frankel
 Commissioner Angeleta E. Gray
 Mayor Nelson S. McDuffie

Also present were - David T. Harden, City Manager
 Brian Shutt, City Attorney
 Chevelle D. Nubin, City Clerk

Mayor McDuffie called the meeting to order and welcomed the public. He gave a brief overview regarding the meeting speakers and format. In addition, he shared some thoughts regarding the importance of the public's participation.

ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

1. Land Use Issues and Trends – Comprehensive Plan Report – John Miller, Chairperson

John Miller, Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Board, introduced and recognized the Planning and Zoning Board members that were present. He highlighted the City's successes over the past year and the Board's Annual Report; and stated the Planning and Zoning Board's main focus is to guide the physical development of the city in a manner that will preserve its unique quality of life for present and future residents. The Comprehensive Plan serves as the City's long range planning document which contains policy guidelines for the control of growth and quality of life in the city. He stated the plan was created through the collective input of the residents and contains the communities' priorities. The Board reviews proposals for new developments to insure that they are consistent with the City's goals and objectives; and also reviews updates to the Comprehensive Plan to make sure that it is keeping pace with the changes in the City. The City processed one Comprehensive Plan amendment in 2010 which was adopted by the City Commission in December 2010. The Notice of Intent to find that the Comprehensive Plan is in compliance is anticipated from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for February 2011. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment includes a City-initiated text amendment and two privately initiated Future Land Use Map Amendments.

Mr. Miller stated the City-initiated amendment is the annexation for the Marketplace of Delray which is an existing shopping center at the Northwest corner of West Atlantic Avenue and Military Trail. This property was subject to a voluntary annexation clause and a water service agreement executed in 2002. The 30.26 acre shopping center contains a quarter of a million square feet of leasable building area with a number of major tenants including Office Depot, Ross, Dollar Tree, and Winn Dixie. As a result of this annexation, the property will receive faster police, fire, and emergency medical response times and the City will receive approximately \$145,000.00 per year in additional property tax revenue. Mr. Miller stated the two privately initiated amendments were for properties along the Linton Boulevard corridor. First, Lintco development changed the Future Land Use Map designation from MD (Medium Density Residential) to GC (General Commercial) and the properties are located at the Northwest corner of Southwest 4th Avenue and Linton Boulevard across from the old Costco site which is now PetSmart and Sports Authority. The second privately initiated Future Land Use Map Amendment known as Waterford changed the designation from TRN (Transitional) to GC (General Commercial); properties located adjacent to I-95 behind Home Depot. Both of these amendments will allow for future construction of the general commercial or mixed use element. Mr. Miller stated this has been a dynamic and exciting year for the City and significant progress has been made towards achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. He gave an overview of the projects that were accomplished in 2010 and briefly reviewed those projects planned for 2011.

2. Community Redevelopment Agency Status Report – Howard Lewis, CRA Chairperson

Howard Lewis, Chairperson of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board, thanked the public for being present and stated 2010 marked the 25th anniversary for the Delray Beach CRA. In addition, Mr. Lewis recognized the members of the CRA Board, the CRA staff, and the City Commission. The CRA presented a video reflecting the changes in Delray Beach since 1985, the major accomplishments of the Community Redevelopment Agency for 2010, and the goals (projects) for 2011.

3. State of the City Report – David T. Harden, City Manager

David T. Harden, City Manager, briefly reviewed the vision for Delray Beach for our future and gave a summary report of the progress made in 2010, as well as for 2011, and outlined the continuing financial challenges we face in 2012. He stated citizens and the City Commission have developed a vision for our future which focuses on the efforts of city government. Delray Beach is to be a charming village by the sea, with a world class beach, a vibrant downtown and diverse local economy, a community of quality neighborhoods and schools, recreational and cultural opportunities abound, people embrace cultural diversity, and the city government provides exceptional city services. Last year the City Commission set goals for 2015 and targets for 2010-2011 with increased emphasis on the quality of services and neighborhoods. Priorities shift annually but our goals remain the same.

The City Manager stated the City's goals for this year are: (1) top quality services, (2) an expanded downtown, (3) an expanded and diversified local economy, (4) quality neighborhoods, (5) community unity, and (6) quality educational opportunities. The City Manager stated the 2010 citizen survey rated the City's quality of service "excellent" or "good" by 81% of the survey participants which compares to 69% in 2007. He stated despite the wage freeze and cuts in pension benefits, the employees continue to provide extraordinary service. He continued to present the efforts, projects and accomplishments specific to each goal in detail while simultaneously outlining the results of the National Citizens' Survey in relation to each goal. The City Manager informed the public that a significant step in economic development was made with the creation of a full-time Economic Development Director funded by the City and the CRA. The City Manager stated Atlantic High School remains one of the top 100 high schools in the United States primarily because of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. He gave information regarding financial challenges for 2012 and encouraged everyone to read the Annual Report. The City Manager stated as we continue to strive for the vision set for our City, we again face a huge challenge in the form of a large drop in 2012 tax revenues. Our 2012 budget must be anchored in the new normal of diminished resources and limited prospects for future growth.

Annual Citizen's Roundtable & Infrastructure Public Hearing


The Annual Citizen's Roundtable was held in the Old School Square Gymnasium. The participants were presented with three (3) questions regarding the city: What is going on in the City that affects you most as a citizen of Delray Beach? What City services are most important to preserving a high quality of life in Delray Beach? What services could we sacrifice if we could no longer pay for all services provided by the City? The responses are attached hereto and made an official part of the record. In addition, participants were presented with sheets asking for city infrastructure feedback.

Mayor McDuffie adjourned the Roundtable at 8:30 p.m.



City Clerk

ATTEST



MAYOR

The undersigned is the City Clerk of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and the information provided herein is the Minutes of the Annual Citizen's Roundtable Meeting of the City Commission held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, which Minutes were formally approved and adopted by the City Commission on February 15, 2011.



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