

**ANNUAL CITIZEN'S ROUNDTABLE  
JANUARY 27, 2009**

The Annual Citizen's Roundtable Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, was called to order by Mayor Rita Ellis in the Crest Theatre at Old School Square at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 27, 2009.

Roll call showed:

Present -                   Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos  
                                  Commissioner Fred B. Fetzer  
                                  Commissioner Woodie McDuffie  
                                  Commissioner Mackenson Bernard  
                                  Mayor Rita Ellis

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

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

**ROUNDTABLE AGENDA**

1. Land Use Issues and Trends – Comprehensive Plan Report – Paul Zacks, Planning and Zoning Board Chairperson

Paul Zacks, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, 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 collected input of the citizens 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. Two and a half years ago, the city began the process for a major rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan with preparation of an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). This report required by Florida Statute afforded an opportunity to suggest changes or amendments that were needed including reformulated goals, objectives and policies. A series of five (5) community workshops were held to obtain citizen input on the plan.

The completed EAR was adopted by the City Commission on October 17, 2006. A complete rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan based on the EAR was completed in 2008 and was adopted in December with a second amendment processed in 2008 to incorporate the City's 20 year Water Supply Plan into the comprehensive plan. Mr. Zacks 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 Comprehensive Plan. He gave an overview of the projects that were accomplished; and those projects planned for 2009.

2. Community Redevelopment Agency Status Report – Frank Wheat, CRA Chairperson

Frank Wheat, Chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board, thanked the public for being in attendance. In addition, he recognized the members of the CRA Board and the CRA staff. Mr. Wheat stated 2008 was a challenging yet productive year for the CRA. With a budget of approximately \$13 million, the CRA continued to carry out their projects and programs outlined in the Community Redevelopment Plan, the Downtown Master Plan and other area wide redevelopment plans. Economic development and transportation projects were major priorities as were redevelopment efforts along the Northwest/Southwest 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor. The CRA also made significant investments in residential neighborhoods within their district; continued to find affordable and workplace housing initiatives throughout the district and supported the Community Land Trust (CLT). He reviewed the major accomplishments of the Community Redevelopment Agency for 2008 and discussed the goals (projects) for 2009.

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

David T. Harden, City Manager, stated Delray Beach is much more than a city. It is a community of people working together to create the best possible living environment for themselves and their fellow citizens. He stated the vision as developed by citizens and Commissions which continues to focus the City's efforts remains that Delray Beach will become a charming village by the sea, with a great world class beach, a vibrant downtown, a community of quality neighborhoods and schools, recreational and cultural opportunities abound, people embrace cultural diversity, and the city government provides exceptional city services. The Commission set goals for 2013 and targets for 2008-2009 as we move toward this vision. Priorities change annually but our goals have remained the same for a number of years. He listed the 2013 goals in priority order. He informed the public that the national economic slowdown and credit crunch are huge obstacles for efforts to expand and diversify our local economy; and discussed projects affected by this in addition to plans regarding economic recovery. He continued to present the efforts, projects and accomplishments specific to each goal in detail. In addition, he gave information regarding communication efforts i.e. the City's website, emergency radio 1620 am, media coverage, News for Neighborhoods, utility bills, live streaming/archiving of City Commission meetings, hometown connection, and QAlert. He encouraged everyone to read the Annual Report. He stated the past two years have been difficult, however, 2010 will be the most challenging year yet as we face a daunting drop in revenue; and we need the citizens input to decide where to focus our energy and limited resources for FY 2010.

Annual Citizen's Roundtable & Infrastructure Public Hearing

The Annual Citizen's Roundtable & Infrastructure Public Hearing was held in the Old School Square Gymnasium. The participants were presented with four questions regarding major issues in the city, suggestions to help improve issues in the city, infrastructure and ways to deliver city programs and services. The responses are attached hereto and made an official part of the record.

Mayor Ellis adjourned the Roundtable at 10:00 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 27, 2009, which Minutes were formally approved and adopted by the City Commission on February 17, 2009.

  
City Clerk

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1. Identify up to three major issues facing the City and provide suggestions of ways to help address at least one of the issue(s) identified (15 minutes)

<p>Table 1 (Question 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehab houses (numerous) – business licenses, tax (sales) enforcement</li> <li>• Crime – more police, homes for police in neighborhood, better lighting, citizen training/education</li> <li>• Attracting large scale employers and maintaining them; focus on green/clean businesses, tax credits and/or grants</li> <li>• Allocate more resources in neighborhoods</li> <li>• Parking at beach</li> <li>• Constricting budget</li> <li>• Keeping charming/small scale city</li> </ul>	<p>Table 2 (Question 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right Business mix for downtown</li> <li>• Lack of revenue</li> <li>• Diversity of services for younger folks</li> <li>• Crime</li> <li>• Economic development: green tourism; identifying and selecting right business (including green business); provide services for all ages (for tourists)</li> </ul>
<p>Table 3 (Question 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economy in the City</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Perception of Over Development</li> <li>• Rehab center of United States</li> <li>• Southwest quadrant needing more care</li> <li>• Wasteful spending</li> <li>• Reduce landscaping requirements-fertilizer</li> <li>• Increase energy efficiency</li> <li>• Reduce water usage</li> <li>• Xeriscape</li> <li>• Fuel efficient vehicles</li> <li>• Re-sodding Old School Square</li> </ul>	<p>Table 4 (Question 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over Building with commercial and residential destroying the charm and small town feeling – “Village By The Sea” is gone. Limit variances; require compliance to the rules; control height and density – may need to be changed; focus on marketing what we have now</li> <li>• Early Dropout rates – unproductive children - crime</li> <li>• Budget constraints: reduced revenues, setting priorities</li> </ul>
<p>Table 5 (Question 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced Tax Base</li> <li>• Budget Process – Revenues/Expenditures</li> <li>• Diversity – Economic Development/Revenue Predictability</li> <li>• Sustainability: affordable housing – smaller lot sizes; environmental impact – green task force report, recommendations and follow-up; business retention – focus on successful businesses or ones that will survive; city services – non-essential versus essential services (health, safety and welfare); prioritize, differentiate on global rather than departmental</li> </ul>	<p>Table 6 (Question 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Situation – local, state and federal, mixed</li> <li>• Overdevelopment – mixed opinions, suggest moratorium on Atlantic Plaza</li> <li>• Environmental Situation – green task force</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Task Force – outside assistance/accountability; examine priorities; minimize consultants; communication; analyze effectiveness; compare to other cities – go to residents (benchmark); too compartmentalized; think like a business – offer incentive packages for early retirement</li> <li>• Economic Development – extend from Swinton Avenue to I-95; attract green technology; more variety of companies; variety of housing prices; change ownership to rental</li> </ul>	
Table 9 (Question 1)	Table 10 (Question 1)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to facilitate redevelopment</li> <li>• Supporting and initiating Green Task Force</li> <li>• Funding for continued and increased services</li> <li>• Police presence in neighborhoods</li> <li>• Completion of West Atlantic Avenue to I-95</li> <li>• Underdeveloped properties along Atlantic and Military Trail</li> <li>• Stop waivers on height limits – U.S. 1, Congress, Military and Linton</li> <li>• Maintain local police not county</li> <li>• Need to improve public transportation</li> <li>• Streamline all city possesses to run a more efficient and therefore, less costly city: funding/partnership; finish Atlantic redevelopment; finish green task</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Challenges – crime; conversion of commercial to residential – preserving commercial</li> <li>• Sober houses</li> <li>• Job creation (target businesses)</li> <li>• Green initiatives</li> <li>• Seamless downtown I-95 to beach</li> <li>• Job creation – incentive package; bring in business; work with state and federal governments</li> </ul>

2. Planning and Zoning infrastructure questions (15 minutes total – respond to both parts)

- a). Are there any infrastructure deficiencies in your neighborhood or at your business location within the City that you would like to have addressed? These would include, but not be limited to, sidewalks, drainage issues, sewer or water main related items, street lighting, street repairs, street resurfacing, public street signage etc.
- b). Are there any infrastructure deficiencies or needs you are aware of elsewhere in the City?

Table 1 (Question 2)	Table 2 (Question 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street Lights – 100 NE 18<sup>th</sup> Street</li> <li>• Master Plan needed for A1A – beachside - sidewalk promenade, benches, trash cans</li> <li>• N.E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street – need sidewalks</li> <li>• Parking east of bridge</li> <li>• Construction should be planned for off season</li> <li>• Need better signage for all one way roads</li> <li>• Need to resurface roads in Plumosa Park</li> <li>• Overall infrastructure is good</li> <li>• Gateway – what happened to it?</li> <li>• Federal Highway north of George Bush needs beautification</li> <li>• Underground utilities – need to use fiber optics already existing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of sidewalks on NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue</li> <li>• Streetlights/sidewalks – Country Club Acres</li> <li>• White Drive and A-1-A at Atlantic Dunes Park need flashing pedestrian lights</li> <li>• More Light in the City Hall area</li> <li>• More info on shuttle schedules</li> <li>• Better sync on traffic lights</li> </ul>
Table 3 (Question 2)	Table 4 (Question 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhood Parking on lawns</li> <li>• Lacking permeable surfaces to park on – drainage, sewage</li> <li>• Sidewalk on west side of Swinton</li> <li>• Increase lighting – energy efficient: parking garage, Wal-Mart (Linton and Military Trail), streets</li> <li>• Bike Lanes</li> <li>• Too many signs on A-1-A</li> <li>• Security in parking garage - cameras</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tropic Isle, Tropic Bay – Water pressure</li> <li>• Venetian – Heavy Trucks, noise condition – impact to residential street</li> <li>• Lindell Blvd. – damaging speed humps</li> <li>• Parking on swales areas that have been improved – destroying the improvements (no parking signs - church</li> <li>• Downtown WiFi</li> <li>• Florida Boulevard - need sidewalks</li> <li>• B) None</li> </ul>

<p>Table 5 (Question 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marina Historic District – (special assessment) sidewalks broken, need to redesign; extensive drainage issue on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue; street lights – underground utilities, decorative; street signs - decorative</li> <li>• North Palm Trail – Boarded buildings, no sidewalks, traffic calming, drainage</li> <li>• Marine Way – Flood during high tide</li> <li>• NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 22<sup>nd</sup> street - resurfacing</li> <li>• SW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue (900 Block) – expansion limited by telephone poles – owners not encouraged by city to expand</li> <li>• B) Citywide – analyze sidewalk network</li> <li>• Traffic calming</li> <li>• Less asphalt</li> <li>• Expand re-claimed water distribution</li> <li>• Unfinished development</li> <li>• Street work-schedule off season</li> <li>• Alley paving</li> <li>• L.E.D. street lighting – cost analysis</li> </ul>	<p>Table 6 (Question 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seaspray – one more street light</li> <li>• East Street and Atlantic Avenue – drainage issue after rain – 4 to 6 inches</li> <li>• Additional bike lanes on major north/south and east/west</li> <li>• Decorative lighting on trees falling down east of Atlantic Avenue</li> <li>• Better sidewalks south and north of Atlantic west of Swinton and S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue</li> <li>• Better communication for trash pickup days</li> <li>• Dress up the downtown shuttle i.e. trolley, etc.</li> <li>• Require recycling in all neighborhoods – all private communities</li> <li>• Community retro-fitting for energy – lighting, energy, mechanical – economic stimulus. Could we subsidize?</li> <li>• Traffic light coordination for flow.</li> <li>• Notification - construction streets</li> </ul>
<p>Table 7 (Question 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water on George Bush/Federal Highway</li> <li>• Code Enforcement (more needed)</li> <li>• Street Lighting (West Atlantic Avenue) – 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues – alleyways need improvement</li> <li>• Sewage backups – N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Martel Arms Development</li> <li>• Traffic calming (speed humps) needed only – no roundabouts</li> <li>• Sidewalks needed for S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue</li> <li>• Sewage bills higher than water bills</li> <li>• Turning signal 8<sup>th</sup> and Atlantic Avenue</li> <li>• Drainage concerns (Rainberry Woods)</li> <li>• Roundabout needs plants (Rainberry Woods)</li> <li>• Signage (No access to I-95) on N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Atlantic</li> <li>• Incomplete Projects (sidewalks for S.W. area)</li> </ul>	<p>Table 8 (Question 2) – No participants at this table</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus Shelters</li> <li>• Permeable parking surfaces</li> <li>• Increased signage – navigating Downtown, able to be viewed</li> <li>• Sidewalks in Tropic Isles</li> <li>• Downtown Lighting – replace with efficient lighting</li> <li>• Better Landscaping i.e. flowers in medians</li> <li>• Safety cameras Downtown and dense areas and telephones similar to universities</li> <li>• Rainberry Woods Traffic circle maintenance</li> <li>• No duplication (Delray Shores) complete properly – plan properly for infrastructure improvements</li> <li>• “Clean Up Your Backside” – resurrect program</li> <li>• CPTED for alleys</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Localized flooding- Gleason</li> <li>• Traffic Calming/Beautification (Old Germantown Road)</li> <li>• Drainage on N.W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street/Lake Drive</li> <li>• Kiosk for public signs in a pedestrian zone</li> <li>• Lake Drive Bridge Traffic calming</li> <li>• B) Underground utilities</li> <li>• Signage</li> <li>• Consistent landscaping requirements – U.S. 1 south of Linton</li> </ul>

3 a). What suggestions do you have for improving City programs and services?

3 b). What programs, services, or topics would you like the City to communicate more about?

**(8 minutes total – respond to both parts)**

<p>Table 1 (Question 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Police Enforcement on private property – more police in neighborhoods; especially Plumosa Park.</li> <li>• Trash Pickup at Beach on weekends – also at parks.</li> <li>• B) CERT, Citizens and Police academies need more PR</li> <li>• Citizens on Patrol</li> <li>• Parking enforcement volunteer program</li> <li>• Citizen complaint system - QAlert</li> </ul>	<p>Table 2 (Question 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better communication on recreation programs</li> <li>• Email notification program</li> <li>• Sustainable development</li> <li>• Better access to programs like residents academy</li> </ul>
<p>Table 3 (Question 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Improve lot line building requirements</li> <li>• Need shuttle service schedule and keeping it on schedule</li> <li>• More animal control persons</li> <li>• Shutting garages too early</li> <li>• B) Information on developments and new construction told to neighbors sooner and larger than 500 feet</li> <li>• Improve market of mydelraybeach.com agenda and meeting notices</li> <li>• Incentive for water minimum usage for residential</li> </ul>	<p>Table 4 (Question 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Veterans park – building should be open on weekends Going into City Hall is absolutely wonderful</li> <li>• Boating is limited – expand services, utilize intercoastal areas</li> <li>• B) Old School Square programs and shows</li> <li>• Golf course events and programs</li> <li>• Email notice on global activities</li> </ul>
<p>Table 5 (Question 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Minor permits – credit card</li> <li>• Online water payment</li> <li>• Hometown – email, download capability (saves paper)</li> <li>• Plan submittal and product approval – pdf format</li> <li>• Planning and Zoning required 12 copies – reduced to one</li> <li>• Trolley versus roundabout</li> <li>• One day trash pickup – alternate days i.e. 1 day per week, 2 days per week, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Table 6 (Question 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Good job</li> <li>• Communicate rate changes</li> <li>• Add vocational training programs: High school: construction, auto and environmental</li> <li>• Noise pollution – Atlantic Avenue – motorcycles, A-1-A/Atlantic, Lawn Mowers – can the city buy electric mowers?</li> <li>• Worthing Place/park – needs grass</li> <li>• B) Communicate – road construction</li> <li>• Trash pickup</li> <li>• Newsletter – good</li> <li>• Website - good</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate TED center/library</li> <li>• Services to the community</li> <li>• Senior citizen services</li> <li>• No transportation to “505” teen center or from tri-rail to Lake Ida Road west of Congress Avenue</li> <li>• Need young adult, 18-25 year olds, training programs</li> <li>• Youth and young adults involvement on boards and committees (residents academy as well)</li> <li>• Recruit educational/vocational satellite campuses</li> <li>• Additional law enforcement communication – police stop and talk</li> <li>• Mentoring programs/internships – transition to paying job</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) QAlert good</li> <li>• Red light cameras</li> <li>• HTE tracking</li> <li>• Concern on lack of project/idea implementation</li> <li>• Track topics “searched” on our website to get idea on hot issues</li> <li>• B) Planning and Zoning - televise</li> <li>• Commission Workshops – televise</li> <li>• WiFi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Better website</li> <li>• More attractive shuttle</li> <li>• Implement commercial recycling</li> <li>• B) The arts</li> <li>• Communicate plans for recycling</li> <li>• Post or publish roundtable questions in advance</li> </ul>

4 a). What suggestions do you have for providing City services for less cost?

4 b). What City services do you feel could be cut back or eliminated?

**(8 minutes total – respond to both parts)**

<p>Table 1 (Question 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Subcontract landscaping and maintenance</li> <li>• Have more online self-service automation</li> <li>• Shorter workweeks – job sharing – job elimination where needed – job retaining</li> <li>• B) All buildings have motion activated lighting</li> <li>• Follow green task force recommendations – hybrid cars</li> <li>• Ask employees on how to decrease expenses</li> <li>• Partner with neighboring city to reduce redundancy and make dollars</li> <li>• Have more tennis center events to raise money</li> </ul>	<p>Table 2 (Question 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For less cost: Better utilization of tennis center for programs.</li> <li>• Better control of take home cars/car allowances</li> <li>• Better control over utilization of marine patrol</li> <li>• Eliminate any duplicate services (dog catcher)</li> </ul>
<p>Table 3 (Question 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Implement Green Advisory Task Force recommendations</li> <li>• More fuel efficient city vehicles</li> <li>• Water incentive for minimum usage</li> <li>• B) City services: run it like a business</li> <li>• Check on homestead fraud – check the water bill</li> </ul>	<p>Table 4 (Question 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Buy fuel efficient vehicles</li> <li>• B) Keep the essentials (basic services) – cut the one time expenditures i.e. building a park</li> </ul>
<p>Table 5 (Question 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) City Service for less dollars: trash pickup leave litter behind</li> <li>• Meter readers – electronic read (digital)</li> <li>• Look a gas rates for waste management</li> <li>• Have volunteers utilize golf carts</li> <li>• Substitute barriers for flashing police cars</li> <li>• No fire trucks @ Publix (Federal Highway and 5<sup>th</sup> Street)</li> <li>• No cop cars idling while P.D. drivers are absent</li> </ul>	<p>Table 6 (Question 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Less cost ideas: ground cover instead of re-sodding</li> <li>• Plant out retention ponds instead of cutting grass</li> <li>• Use LED lights only</li> <li>• Building retrofit</li> <li>• Energy efficient vehicles – electric hybrids, etc.</li> <li>• Solar panels – City buildings</li> <li>• Plug in golf carts/type vehicles downtown for work crews</li> <li>• Fines for noise polluters – motorcycles and loud boats.</li> <li>• B) cutback – no new city hires</li> <li>• Shut off vehicles when not using</li> <li>• Less development equals less Planning and Zoning staff</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cutbacks:</li> <li>• Consultants</li> <li>• Studies</li> <li>• Energy-implement Green Task Force Report</li> <li>• No gateway entrance from I-95</li> <li>• No more parking lots/garages</li> <li>• Halt Federal Highway traffic study/project</li> </ul>	
Table 9 (Question 4)	Table 10 (Question 4)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) Implement Green Task Force (sustainability report)</li> <li>• Implement budget task force</li> <li>• Reduce dollars on tennis center – are we getting enough monies in return?</li> <li>• B) Keep all services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) More information/call center</li> <li>• Energy audit water/fuel and remove waste</li> <li>• B) Roundabout ridership goals – more efficiently</li> <li>• Ambulance transport – reduce personnel</li> </ul>