

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

### **CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL**

**April 12, 2023**

The regular meeting of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD was called to order by Chair Meister at 6:35 P.M., Wednesday, April 12, 2023 in The Frank Art Gallery.

**Present:** Chair Meister; Members, Alvarez, Liebeskind and Reinstein

**Absent:** Vice Chair Ziadie, Members Borrero, Chanzas, Panciera, O'Loughlin

**Also Present:** City Liaison Christian Zamora, City Assistant Attorney Paul Hernandez and Board Secretary Nicole Lafrance

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### **MINUTES**

There was no quorum.

### **LIAISON REPORT**

City Liaison Zamora began the meeting by letting members know that their department and the city has been very busy. He mentioned tomorrow the Planning and Zoning board will be discussing proposals for construction by Century Village, proposing a park and a dedicated roadway, parking and ADA enhancements. Liaison Zamora also mentioned the new Chipotle coming to Pines Blvd, which is currently Boston Market. This new Chipotle will be mainly for pickup orders done through their app or website.

Liaison Zamora also mentioned tomorrow during the Planning and Zoning meeting they will be speaking about changing 5.2 acres of land, just west of SR 84, to Lennar Townhomes. Lennar is proposing a zoning change from B3 to townhome development. Liaison Zamora also mentioned that tomorrow they will be discussing the side plan approval for Florida University Hospital to be located at the former City Hall building. This will be an emergency hospital at about 11,000 sqft.

Liaison Zamora went on to let members know about cultural events that will be taking place in the city, including private events such as a quilting expo, a cheerleading competition, and a South Florida home show. Liaison Zamora also discussed events such as Pines Day and the Planning and Zoning booth will be giving away free trees. He mentioned other events such as Movie Night and the Mayors Chess Challenge.

Liaison Zamora let members know that they have issued a notice in City Connect about building permits since there has been an uptick in construction being done incorrectly. Liaison Zamora mentioned the Green Plan which went to Commission last week and has been adopted. He also mentioned the Economic Development Plan that will possibly be adopted by June 21. Lastly Liaison Zamora mentioned the Transportation Master Plan which board members provided feedback via a survey which will be presented soon, possibly on May 5.

Liaison Zamora mentioned that the Annual Report for this Board was sent to all members, and they did not receive any feedback, so they will be moving forward with that draft to be presented at Board Night in June.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

District 1 – Member Borrero was absent.

District 2 – Member Chanzas was absent.

District 3 – Member Ziadie was absent.

District 4 – There was none.

Chamber – Chamber Report was done by Member Alvarez spoke on the Sip & Taste event at the Shops at Pembroke Gardens which brought about 140 people and 15 restaurants participated. Liaison Zamora mentioned the annual St. Patrick's Day event that happens at The Pub, which went well and there were no incidents. Member Alvarez mentioned the upcoming events happening in the Shops at Agave and Lime for Cinco de Mayo. Member Alvarez also mentioned the new shops opening including Lovesac, Lazer Away, and one medical office.

She also mentioned the opening of Salt Life and It's Sugar moving its location, still in the Shops. Member Alvarez also mentioned there are some more exciting thing to be happening with the Shops, such as development, improvements, and enhancements. Member Alvarez asked members if they have any feedback or see something they would like to see at the Shops to please email so she can bring it up with the developers. Chair Meister mentioned she would like to see an Untuck it store, thinks it would do well in there.

Chair Meister asked Member Liebeskind about upcoming ribbon cuttings. Member Liebeskind mentioned he has a lot of events coming up, also mentioned the Chamber currently has 726 members, this chamber has been running for 54 years.

Liaison Zamora reminded members there would be no May meeting. Chair Meister asked if they could have the May meeting since this meeting was only a workshop. City Assistant Attorney let the board know this would have to be something voted on or approved by the administration. Chair Meister said she will contact Liaison Stamm about continuing the May meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**ABSENCES**

There was no quorum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Meister adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Lafrance  
Board Secretary

**ADJOURNED: 7:04 P.M.**

**APPROVED:**