

MINUTES

SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Thursday, October 25, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for South Central Planning and Development Commission was called to order at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at La Carreta's Restaurant, LaPlace, Louisiana.

N. Monica called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Members present or represented by proxy were B. Warren representing M. Triche, T. Vial representing A. Laque, P. Gordon representing D. Schwab, W. Reed, M. Atzenhoffer, D. Vial, N. Monica, and A. Tatje. Members absent were C. James, R. Animashaun, C. Caillouet, R. Champagne, J. Bouziga, D. Hilaire, C. Farlough, D. Hymel, E. Aubert, H. Jones, H. Bourgeois, R. Scott, A. Williams, and P. Rhodes. Staff members present were K. Belanger, M. Menuet, J. Boudreaux, D. Allemand, E. Bergeron, C. Wallis, and M. Wich. Guests in attendance were: T. Frank and D. Rhodes of Entergy, J. Simmorou of Shaw, R. Muller of Road Home and N. Robottom, CAO of St. John Parish.

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K. Belanger introduced South Central Planning and Development Commission's new flow chart and recognized new employees: D. Allemand, E. Bergeron, and C. Wallis. He also welcomed guests J. Simmorou and R. Muller to the meeting.

It was moved by T. Vial, seconded by W. Reed to approve the minutes of June 28, 2007. Motion carried.

It was moved by T. Vial, seconded by A. Tatje to approve the Management Committee minutes of June 28, 2007.

K. Belanger apologized for not having the financial statements available. He explained that for the past 3 weeks auditors have been in the office. Also, K. Belanger and the two accountants were in attendance at a mandatory EDA meeting in Little Rock, AR two days prior to the board meeting. He reassured the board of a healthy surplus and promised financial statements for next board meeting.

K. Belanger introduced A. Simmorou and R. Muller of the Road Home Program to the forum. Ms. Muller thanked South Central Planning and Development for the gracious offer of the use of their facilities. She provided everyone with a handout on parish statistics and gave a brief overview on the progress of the Road Home funding and where the applicants stood in the process.

It was moved by T. Vial, seconded by A. Tatje to approve Connely Dutrix to the RLF Loan Administration Board. Motion carried.

It was moved by W. Reed, seconded by D. Vial to adopt the resolution declaring various equipment as surplus property and authorizing the CEO to appropriately dispose of said equipment. Motion carried.

It was moved by T. Vial, seconded by W. Reed to adopt the resolution setting the minimum acceptable bid price for the sale of equipment declared as surplus. Motion carried. P. Gordon, proxy for D. Schwab, entered the forum at this time.

K. Belanger introduced the 2007 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), he explained the process of how the Commission is required to write a new CEDS every three years and update it every year. T. Vial moved, seconded by D. Vial to accept the 2007 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Motion carried. A. Perry joined the forum at this time.

K. Belanger gave an update on the North/South Interstate Corridor funding. The EPA, the Corp of Engineers, and the US Fish and Wildlife are requiring the project's consultants to examine another alternative which would bring a new route paralleling LA 1 and LA 308 to connect to the Sunshine Bridge. Public meetings have been set for November 5, 2007 at Napoleonville Middle School and for November 6, 2007 at Thibodaux High School. We are going to examine the impact such a road will have on the communities which have a very historical setting.

Agency Activity Report has been suspended for this forum.

Under other business, Mike Wich was invited to present a power point presentation on the Regional Code Council. He presented to the forum the advancements and achievements of the Regional Code Council. M. Atzenhoffer commented that the residential has been doing great; however, the commercial has been hurting. M. Wich let it be known that the code review for commercial can now be done in the office.

Ms. Tammy Frank of Entergy of Belle Rose shared with the board Entergy's promotion for the month of October, "Change a Light, Change the World." She discussed the effects on how changing one light bulb to a new energy efficient bulb can make a difference to the environment. Ms. Frank introduced Mr. Doug Rhodes to the forum. He gave an update on the Gypsy Re-Powering Project.

Charlotte Randolph entered at this time.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by C. Randolph, seconded by M. Atzenhoffer to adjourn. Motion carried.

As duly authorized officers of South Central Planning and Development Commission, Board of Commissioners, we do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is the official version of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on October 25, 2007.

Charlotte Randolph, Chairman
South Central Planning & Development Commission

Dale J. Hymel, Secretary/Treasurer
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