

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 10, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida. The following members were present: Chairman Duffy, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Starr, and Commissioner Skidmore. Also in attendance were County Administrator Baltz, County Attorney Knowlton, Finance Director Larrivee, and Deputy Clerk Lansing. The following members were absent: None. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

The Invocation was given by Chairman Duffy, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Bill Wishard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Commissioner Cummings was not present for this portion of the meeting)

Changes to the Agenda: Change #1 Q-1 - Approve the renaming of the administration building (Building "A") at Charlotte Sports Park to Rowley-Zuran Hall. Correct Zuran to ZURAW. Requested by: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STARR.  
Motion Carried 5:0.

Special Recognition:

Proclamations - Commissioner Robert Skidmore

(Commissioner Cummings was present for the remainder of the meeting)

*Max Lopez Day*

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 10, 2009 AS MAX LOPEZ DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STARR.

Motion Carried 5:0.

Mr. Lopez thanked his loved ones and EMS family for their support over the years.

*Thelma Daida, Arts and Humanities Council Artist of the Month*

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO PROCLAIM THELMA DAIDA AS ARTIST OF THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2009, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STARR.

Motion Carried 5:0.

Ms. Daida thanked the Arts and Humanities Council and the Commissioners and noted her art will be displayed at Edward Jones locations for the next two months.

Employee Recognition - Commissioner Robert Skidmore

5 Years: Joseph Andrews, Utilities; Sandra Callanan-Smith, Utilities; Diane Deckers, Utilities; Hendrick Dolleman, Utilities; Barbara Jeffries, Building Construction Services; David Kloor, Jr., Utilities; Lydel S. Mettler, Utilities; Elizabeth Mohler, Utilities; SueAnn Sanders, Communication & Marketing; Jie Shao, Growth Management; Marie Wiegand, Utilities;  
10 Years: Nancy Pacheco, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources; 20 Years: Walter Vatter, Jr., Public Works; Not Attending: 10 Years: George Bartlett, Fire/EMS; Edward Diaz, Fire/EMS; John Loukota, Jr., Fire/EMS; 20 years: James Stern, Fire/EMS

Award Presentations

Recognition of multiple awards received by Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) in recognition of the Charlotte County Utilities 2007 Annual Report

Lisa Freemont, CCU, introduced CCU staff members Bernie Milosky and Rose Mattered, described the awards and honors received related to the Utilities Annual Report, and displayed the certificates.

**I. CITIZEN INPUT** - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Robert Hancik spoke on Item S-1, described his related involvement and background, and requested the County reschedule the public hearing to February 24, 2009 when more information will be available.

Bill Moyer spoke on Agenda Items C-2 and C-3 related to the re-appointment of Harbor Heights Advisory Board members, asked to postpone the vote until others can become involved, and complained the present members are not helpful.

Candance Wehbe addressed local preference ordinance Items 1 and 2 under the Public Hearing Agenda, recommended the Board streamline the process to encourage businesses to come in, provided suggestions and stated the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to assisting local government and members.

Roni Murray addressed local preference and expressed the importance of local businesses employing its citizens to help them keep their homes and remain in our County.

Michael Haymans spoke on VI. Public Hearing Agenda, Item 1 (Parks and Recreation Ordinance), referenced a letter he sent to Board members, mentioned discussions with Assistant County Attorney Derek Rooney related to language changes associated with permitting a bar to remain open during certain events, and provided the requested timeline.

**II. COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

Charlotte County is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Committees:

Ackerman Waterway Unit Advisory Committee is seeking one volunteer as a regular member and one volunteer as an alternate member. Terms will be drawn at first meeting. Must be a property owner and live within the unit.

Alligator Creek Street and Drainage Advisory Committee is seeking one member to serve on the committee. Must be a land owner and reside within the boundary of the unit.

Charlotte County is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Committees: Boca Grande Street and Drainage Unit Advisory Committee is seeking two members to serve on the committee. Terms are for three years

Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee is seeking three (3) volunteers to serve as "Environmental Expertise". These are two year terms, two of which are effective immediately and will expire Jan. 23, 2011; the third is to fill an unexpired term that expires Jan. 23, 2010.

Greater Port Charlotte Street and Drainage Unit Advisory Committee is seeking two members to serve. Must be land owners and reside within the unit. Terms are for three years.

Greater Port Charlotte Street and Drainage Unit Advisory Committee is seeking two members to serve on the committee. Terms are for two years

Manasota/Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee is seeking one volunteer to finish an unexpired term effective immediately, expiring January 9, 2010. Must own property and live within the unit.

III. REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Starr requested items S-1 and C-3 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA EXCEPT AGENDA ITEMS S-1 AND C-3, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE.  
Motion Carried 5:0.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

**A. Finance Division**

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Clerk's Finance Memoranda.  
BUDGETED ACTION: None

**B. Minutes Division**

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes for:  
November 12, 2008, 9:00 AM BOCC Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2008, 12:00 PM Oath of Office Ceremony  
BUDGETED ACTION: None

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**C. Commission Office**

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint Ted Domine to the Ackerman Waterway Unit Advisory Committee. Terms will be drawn by lot at the first meeting. BUDGETED ACTION: None

(2) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Re-appoint Mr. Kenneth Wangler as a regular member to the Harbour Heights Waterway Maintenance District Advisory Board for another three year term. His current term expires March 13, 2009. BUDGETED ACTION: None

(3) RECOMMENDED ACTION: a) Re-appoint Frances M. Reimondo as the alternate to the Harbour Heights Street and Drainage Advisory Committee for an additional two year term. The current term expires February 13, 2009; and b) Re-appoint Maggie Scott as a regular member for an additional three year term. Ms. Scott's current term expires February 13, 2009. BUDGETED ACTION: None

Commissioner Starr mentioned Mr. Moyer's comments and asked if the Board would consider delaying the vote until after the next Advisory Committee meeting to allow other interested parties to be considered. Chairman Duffy explained they had only received one application and had given ample time for additional candidates to come forward.

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS MOVED TO RE-APPOINT FRANCES M. REIMONDO AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE HARBOUR HEIGHTS STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR TERM AND RE-APPOINT MAGGIE SCOTT AS A REGULAR MEMBER FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEAR TERM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.

Motion Carried 5:0.

(4) *RECOMMENDED ACTION: Reschedule the BCC Joint Meeting with Airport Authority on February 18, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM the same day. This will allow those interested to attend the swearing in ceremony of Tom Rooney at noon the same day. BUDGETED ACTION: None*

(5) *RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint Charles Dodd to the Rotonda West Street & Drainage Advisory Committee to serve as the alternate. This is a two year term effective immediately and expiring October 28, 2010. BUDGETED ACTION: None*

(6) *RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint Carmine Rossi to the South Gulf Cove Street and Drainage MSBU to serve as the alternate. This is a two year term, effective immediately and expiring February 10, 2011. BUDGETED ACTION: None*

**D. Administration - No Items**

**E. County Attorney - No Items**

**F. Budget Office**

(1) *RECOMMENDED ACTION: Cancel the budget workshop scheduled for March 25, 2009. BUDGETED ACTION: None*

**G. Growth Management**

(1) *RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve an amendment to the settlement Agreement between the County and the Charlotte County Park of Commerce, LLC. BUDGETED ACTION: None (XREF: AGR2003-064)*

**H. Economic Development - No Items**

**J. Environmental Services - No Items**

**K. Facilities Construction and Maintenance - No Items**

**L. Purchasing**

(1) *RECOMMENDED ACTION:* Approve Change Order #9 to Bid #08-054, 2008 County Paving Program with Ajax Paving, Inc. of Nokomis, FL in the amount of \$550,072.70 for a revised total of \$10,496,724.45. *BUDGETED ACTION:* The FY09 budget has funds available in Transportation Trust project c410306, Greater Port Charlotte project c410311, Punta Gorda Non-urban project c410216, Englewood east project c410602, Gulf Cove project c410716, Capital Projects project c370402, the Landfill, and Don Pedro Knights Island MSTU project c410714.

(2) *RECOMMENDED ACTION:* a) Approve Change Order #1 to Contract #08-400, Northwest Port Charlotte Maintenance Dredging, with Millmac, to increase the contract in the amount of \$141,854, with a revised contract amount of \$398,394, and an addition of 40 calendar days to the contract time and b) Approve CIP amendment # 09-C05 in the amount of \$141,854. *BUDGETED ACTION:* After approval of the CIP amendment, funding for the dredging project is available from gas tax to be repaid by the Northwest Port Charlotte Waterway MSBU. CIP project c390403, NW PT Charlotte WW Dredging. Project total is \$742,139.

(3) *RECOMMENDED ACTION:* a) Approve Award of Bid #09-060, Annual Line Extension Contract, at the unit prices bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Robinson Underground, Inc. of Englewood, FL. Term of contract is from date of award through and including December 31, 2009, b) Authorize the County Administrator to approve the renewal options for up to two additional one-year terms, at the same prices, terms, and conditions, by mutual consent. *BUDGETED ACTION:* Primarily, the cost of the line extensions will be reimbursed by the new customer/developer. Contract will be available to perform in-house line extension if needed to better serve our customers.

(4) *RECOMMENDED ACTION:* a) Approve award of Bid #09-094, Sign Materials-Annual Contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for each group; Group A - Rolled Materials to 3M Company of St. Paul, MN; Group B - Pre-Formed Thermoplastic Markings to Flint Trading Inc. of Thomasville, NC; Group C - Raised Pavement Markers to Ennis Paint Inc. of Ennis, TX at the unit prices indicated on the attached Bid Tabulation; b) Authorize the County Administrator to approve renewal options up to two (2) additional

one-year terms, at the same prices, terms and conditions, by mutual consent. The contract period will be effective from date of award through and including December 31, 2009. BUDGETED ACTION: FY08 sign materials purchases were approximately \$121,000. Items will be placed into inventory and charged to the appropriate MSBU/TU or gas taxes when the signs are installed.

(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION: a) Approve Award of Bid #09-106, Burnt Store Well Field Expansion, to Hausinger & Associates, Inc. of Palmetto, FL, for a base bid cost of \$988,118.25; and b) Approve Award of the Optional Bid Item, production well RO-15, which will be completed in the Upper Floridan Aquifer at the same well field, for a cost of \$536,865.00, for a Total Contract Amount of \$1,524,983.25. BUDGETED ACTION: FY2009 Budget \$1,675,000.

(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve deletion of the property inventory items listed on the attached for the month of February, 2009. BUDGETED ACTION: None

**M. Human Resources -No Items**

**N. Human Services - No Items**

**P. Information Technology - No Items**

**Q. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources**

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the renaming of the administration building (Building "A") at Charlotte Sports Park to Rowley-Zuraw Hall. BUDGETED ACTION: None

(2) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Master Concession Agreement between the Ripken-Rays and Charlotte County for the Charlotte Sports Park Stadium. BUDGETED ACTION: None (AGR2009-010)

(3) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve partnership agreement between Charlotte County and Punta Gorda Garden Club, Inc. BUDGETED ACTION: None (AGR2009-011)

**R. Public Safety - No Items**

**S. Public Works**

(1) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Set a public hearing for February 24, 2009, at 10:00 AM or as soon thereafter as may be heard, to consider approving a Resolution to use the uniform method of collecting non ad-valorem assessments for the proposed Burnt Store Lakes Underground Electric MSBU. **BUDGETED ACTION:** None

**Commissioner Starr** expressed his opposition to creating another MSBU, said there may be other options, commented that many citizens were not in favor, and suggested they delay the public hearing until they have better information. **Commissioner Cummings** opined this is time sensitive; indicated he was inclined to allow the committee to be heard, but noted he would need strong persuasion; remarked that the survey showed opposition; and opined this is a neighborhood issue. **Commissioner Loftus** agreed with **Commissioner Cummings** and opined they should move forward with the Public Hearing. **Commissioner Skidmore** asked for clarification related to costs and surveys associated with non ad-valorem assessments for the proposed Burnt Store Lakes Underground Electric MSBU. Dawn Harrison provided a detailed response. **Commissioner Skidmore** noted pricing was already higher than the estimate provided to citizens at the time the survey was mailed, expressed his concern that this could be another Pirate Harbor, commented the majority surveyed were not in favor, and stated he is opposed to a decision without firm costs. **Chairman Duffy** asked when firm numbers were expected. Dan Quick said they will not have firm numbers until FPL completes their engineering study at a cost of over \$100,000. **Commissioner Skidmore** commented that the pricing has gone up in 3 days and asked if the \$100,000 engineering study was included in the cost. Ms. Harrison answered affirmatively. **Commissioner Cummings** explained the impact of either decision and discussed the steps that would follow. **Commissioner Skidmore** remarked the cost is now almost \$400 and advised 801 surveyed citizens were already against the MSBU when the cost was less than \$300. **Commissioner Starr** clarified the process and time involved and indicated three (3) Commissioners are already opposed. **Chairman Duffy** said the citizens have asked for a Public Hearing, opined it is only fair to allow them to be heard, indicated the desire to receive additional information and

community feedback, and stated she was in favor of moving forward. Commissioner Cummings clarified the present MSBU policy related to the 18% administrative fee and explained the costs would be less with Board funding. Mr. Sandrock confirmed administrative costs would be much lower if the Board decided on alternative funding. Commissioner Starr said he is not in favor of using taxpayer dollars to fund any benefit unit and brought up the Pirate Harbor issue. Commissioner Cummings explained the Pirate Harbor issue and timeline in detail. Commissioner Skidmore explained his strong opposition. Commissioner Starr opined the Board is hired to protect public interest.

COMMISSIONER STARR MOVED TO DENY SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2009, AT 10:00 AM TO CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON AD-VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED BURNT STORE LAKES UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC MSBU, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE. Motion Failed 2:3. Chairman Duffy, Commissioner Cummings, and Commissioner Loftus opposing.

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS MOVED TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2009, AT 10:00 AM OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS MAY BE HEARD, TO CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON AD-VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED BURNT STORE LAKES UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC MSBU, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS. Motion Carried 3:2. Commissioner Starr and Commissioner Skidmore opposing.

Chairman Duffy agreed they do not want another Pirate Harbor and indicated they would stay on top of this.

(2) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set a public hearing for February 24, 2009, at 10:00 AM or as soon thereafter as may be heard, to consider approving an ordinance to change the ERU methodology for the South Burnt Store Street and Drainage MSBU. BUDGETED ACTION: None

**T. Real Estate Services**

(1) *RECOMMENDED ACTION:* Approve the attached 104 Resolutions of Necessity authorizing the acquisition of real property and/or easement interests by any legal means for the Burnt Store Road Safety and Widening Project Phase 1. *BUDGETED ACTION:* None RES2009-023 through RES2009-126 (XREF: RES2008-139)

(2) *RECOMMENDED ACTION:* Approve the (4) attached Resolutions of Necessity authorizing the acquisition of real property and/or easement interests by any legal means for the Midway Boulevard Project Phase 1. *BUDGETED ACTION:* None RES2009-127 through RES2009-130 (XREF: RES2008-140)

(3) *RECOMMENDED ACTION:* Approve the (13) attached Resolutions of Necessity authorizing the acquisition of real property and/or easement interests by any legal means for the Piper Road Project. *BUDGETED ACTION:* None RES2009-131 through RES2009-143 (XREF: RES2008-141)

(4) *RECOMMENDED ACTION:* Approve the attached Resolution accepting the roads and drainage improvements for a portion of Deep Creek Boulevard and Seminole Road for maintenance and public use. *BUDGETED ACTION:* None RES2009-144

**V. Tourism Development - No Items**

**W. Utilities - No Items**

**X. Building & Construction Services - No Items**

**Y. Other Agencies - No Items**

**RECESS: 9:55 - 10:05 AM**

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA - 10:00 AM**

(1) County Attorney - Approve an Ordinance providing that the Code of Laws and Ordinance of Charlotte County, Florida, be amended by amending Chapter 1-11, Parks and Recreation, Article III, Parks and Recreation Facility Use Regulations; by providing

for revision of the hours of use; and providing for conflict with other ordinances.

County Attorney Knowlton explained the reason for the first Public Hearing, read the proposed language change into the record, and noted Mr. Haymans earlier request for delay. Commissioner Loftus indicated he would like to see it delayed until February 27th. Commissioner Skidmore questioned the impact of a motion today versus the delay, said he is in favor of the continuance, and asked Mr. Baltz to call the Sheriff to advise the intent.

**COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.**

Commissioner Cummings asked if the Board should be closing the Public Hearing. Ms. Knowlton indicated they will continue the Public Hearing on the 27th. Assistant County Attorney Rooney advised he has the language that should exempt the type of events Mr. Haymans referred to, noted he will meet with Parks and Recreation to be sure there is no conflict related to other events, and confirmed the motion will be to continue the Public Hearing on February 27, 2009. Commissioner Skidmore withdrew his previous motion to close the Public Hearing.

**COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 24, 2009 IN LIEU OF FEBRUARY 27, 2009 AT 10:00 AM OR AS SOON THERE AFTER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.**  
Motion Carried 5:0.

(2) County Attorney - Conduct a public hearing to consider approving an ordinance re-designating the purchasing department and director and establishing a local preference for competitive bids. ORD2009-005

Attorney Knowlton described the second Public Hearing in detail. Commissioner Skidmore explained his understand. Ms. Corbett confirmed his understanding was correct. Assistant County Attorney Honse explained they needed to include a language change and read the strike outs and the change into the record. Commissioner Skidmore asked if his change could be made today. Attorney Knowlton clarified the language for the

record. Commissioner Cummings verified the motion would be to read the title as amended on the record.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE.

Motion Carried 5:0.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE RE-DESIGNATING THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AND DIRECTOR AND ESTABLISHING A LOCAL PREFERENCE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS. ORD2009-005, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.

Motion Carried 5:0.

(3) Public Works - Conduct a public hearing to consider approving an ordinance amending the provisions of the Gulf Cove Street and Drainage MSBU to provide for an alternate member for the advisory board and to provide for the removal of advisory board members of the Unit by the BCC. ORD2009-006

Tara Musselman provided detail related to the proposed amendment to the Ordinance.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STARR.

Motion Carried 5:0.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE GULF COVE STREET AND DRAINAGE MSBU. ORD2009-006, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.

Motion Carried 5:0.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Z. Regular Agenda

(1) Commission Office - Select by ballot, one member to serve on the Housing Finance Authority for a four year term.

Chairman Duffy asked the Commissioners to cast their votes and County Administrator Baltz read the results into the record. William D. Noel, Jr. 5/0

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO RE-APPOINT WILLIAM D. NOEL, JR. TO SERVE ON THE HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE.  
Motion Carried 5:0.

(2) Commission Office - Select by ballot one (1) person to serve on the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee as the Community Representative. This term is effective immediately and expires January 23, 2011.

The Commissioners cast their votes and Mr. Baltz read the results into the record. 4/1: Joan Joy Lunt-4, Jim Cooper-1

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO ELECT MS. JOAN JOY LUNT TO SERVE ON THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AS THE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE. THIS TERM IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRES JANUARY 23, 2011, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE.  
Motion Carried 5:0.

(3) Environmental and Extension Services - Discussion and possible direction of Mosquito Control adulticide services.

Jim Thompson explained spray missions in detail, said they are seeking approval to use County helicopters to conduct future mosquito spray missions, noted the savings involved, indicated the County would be responsible for repairs, insurance, and related issues, and recommended an increase in liability insurance. Commissioner Cummings asked for additional clarification. Mr. John Hunter responded.

Commissioner Skidmore asked if helicopters were widely used throughout the State. Mr. Thompson answered affirmatively. Mr. Baltz pointed out issues related to noise, replacement parts, and coverage. Chairman Duffy commented that these helicopters have no doors. Commissioner Skidmore asked Attorney Knowlton to review the insurance coverage.

COMMISSIONER STARR MOVED TO APPROVE USE OF THE COUNTY HELICOPTER FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL ADULTICIDE SERVICES AS DISCUSSED ON THE RECORD (BUDGET TRANSFER (AMENDMENT) INCLUDED), SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.  
Motion Carried 5:0.

X. CITIZEN INPUT - ANY SUBJECT - None

AA. County Administrator:

Mr. Baltz indicated with the action taken today, there are 20 upcoming budget workshops beginning in March; explained plans to meet with constitutional officers and requested Board consensus related to performance budgeting associated with constitutional officers; commented on factoring in a higher percentage related to property devaluations; mentioned criteria linked to not raising the mileage rate; provided strategies associated with performance budgeting with a targeted result; announced the estimated \$40 Million shortfall may be slightly higher; talked about delaying ad valorem funded Capital projects; suggested if they want shared support, they need to reduce the BCC side and ask for constitutional officer support for the other half; and expressed confidence that with Board direction and feedback, staff will provide the Commissioners with the end result they wish to achieve.

Commissioner Starr said Mr. Baltz is right on target, recommended the Board provide their money saving suggestions, and agreed Constitutional Officers should be included. Commissioner Skidmore noted meeting with Constitutional Officers, expressed thanks for their coming to the table, and agreed Mr. Baltz is right on target. Commissioner Loftus commended Mr. Baltz for his work, mentioned attending a two day Commissioner conference in Washington DC, and noted Constitutional Officers across the County are all working together to reduce their budgets. Commissioner Cummings agreed they need to move forward with performance based budgeting and explained the impact of Board direction associated with the mileage rate and taxes. Chairman Duffy confirmed she is not in favor of raising the millage rate; opined delaying all Capital projects that are not critical; said they need to think bigger and become more efficient; cut expenses and taxes; reduce the size of government; pointed out the impact of some reductions; and asked that citizens be patience during this process.

Mr. Baltz thanked the Board for their feedback, stated he is confident and up for the challenge, said each Commissioner will be briefed prior to meeting with the Constitutional Officers, mentioned the backup paperwork process, noted working on 10%, 20%, and 30% reduction models, and asked if the Board wanted staff reduction suggestions as they had received last year, or if they would prefer to make their own recommendations.

**Commissioner Loftus** said he wants to hear from staff and indicated the importance of staff recommendations. **Commissioner Starr** opined staff input will be more meaningful than before since performance budgeting will have a target. **Commissioner Skidmore** noted the importance of teamwork, said a larger shortfall is expected, and opined the dialog between the Board and staff is very useful. **Commissioner Cummings** presented his suggestions related to pursuing efficiency. **Chairman Duffy** indicated she does want to receive staff recommendations.

Mr. Baltz thanked the Commissioners for their input, indicated the Board can expect professional staff recommendations, suggested clarity when discussing reduction goals with the Constitutional Officers, and opined BOCC reduction estimates will be a minimum of 15%. Mr. Baltz brought up Toledo Blade decorative lighting and advised the estimated additional costs would be \$300,000. **Commissioner Loftus** commented that Toledo Blade is the gateway to our Community and will be the gateway to Murdock Village, noted citizen input related to improving our entrances, and opined the need to follow through with decorative lighting. **Commissioner Starr** talked about speed bumps on Toledo Blade, opined the decorative lights are pretty, but said he cannot justify or vote in favor of spending \$300,000 for lights at this time, pointed out already spending approximately \$500,000 for upgraded windows, and noted we need to save every penny. **Commissioner Loftus** addressed the windows; explained they were damaged in the hurricane; noted the County is adding \$500,000 to \$1.5 Million in FEMA funds; noted government buildings will be more energy efficient and will save money in the long run; and opined decorative lighting should be installed at the gateway of our Community and Murdock Village. **Commissioner Skidmore** suggested they hold off on a decision until after the 2:00 PM Murdock Village Workshop today or delay for two weeks. Dan Quick advised a two week delay could cause an adverse affect on the construction scheduling and

work. **Commissioner Loftus** asked if they could hold off until after the Workshop this afternoon. **Chairman Duffy** received Board consensus to bring back the item this afternoon after the workshop.

Mr. Baltz announced he would schedule an item on a future Board meeting and ask Mr. Sandroek to discuss MSBU concerns, procedures, specifics, changes, and how they are handled at staff level and on a case by case basis. **Commissioner Cummings** commented on determining where revenues will come from if not from an MSBU and noted all revenues are maxed out with the exception of ad valorem. **Commissioner Starr** commented on reducing taxes by collecting half the MSBU assessments and opined MSBUs must be more cost effective. **Commissioner Cummings** noted you could have fewer MSBUs but stated the 18% administrative costs will not go away since a fair amount of bookkeeping will still be required no matter what the revenue stream is.

Mr. Baltz mentioned conversations he had with individual Commissioners related to the medical director process, noted concerns associated with not having a rotating medical director for protocol, and requested Board feedback. **Commissioner Cummings** explained the problems they had with a rotating medical director, indicated the reasons why they changed it, opined it was an improvement, and made suggestions. **Chairman Duffy** said medical directors were rotated every two years in the past, commented that the present position has not been rotated in over six (6) years, and mentioned a variety of complaints received. **Commissioner Skidmore** opined it would be wise to select a qualified person who is certified with all three local hospitals and discussed records and past audits. **Commissioner Loftus** also remembered problems with rotating directors in the past and agreed they should select someone involved with all three hospitals. **Chairman Duffy** asked if the medical director is paid. Mr. Baltz indicated Chief DiDio was present to offer detail related to the position. Chief DiDio explained the permanent medical director position and its history, provided salary information including malpractice insurance, talked about the bidding process, indicated Dr. James won the bid, and advised the annual contract is automatically renewed unless either party requests a cancellation within 90 days. **Chairman Duffy** asked the Chief to seek interested

independent individuals. Chief DiDio indicated they could go out to bid, explained the required qualifications (Statute 64J), commented on the effect of changing doctors, discussed protocols and the impact of prescription changes, and mentioned the importance of continuity. **Commissioner Skidmore** clarified the Board is only looking to meet with qualified candidates who may be considered. **Commissioner Cummings** asked if there have been any problems with the present medical director and how he compared to past directors. Chief DiDio said there has not been any problems, explained how hospitals are chosen, and said he received the same email complaints.

**BB. County Attorney:**

Attorney Knowlton advised the Sheriff's office was requesting the Board draft an ordinance that would prohibit All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) on private property unless they carry written approval from the property owner, noted a provision in the present Parks Ordinance prohibiting ATV's on public property, provided examples of other available means to address the issue, mentioned the costs involved, and asked for Board direction. **Commissioner Loftus** opined there are enough ordinances on the books to address the issue. **Commissioner Starr** said it should be explored since the Sheriff has requested it, asked for a true quote, and explained he is not willing to spend money to keep ATV's off private property. **Commissioner Skidmore** asked Attorney Knowlton to discuss the Criminal Mischief and Noise Ordinance further with the Sheriff and said he would need to be convinced this was a countywide problem prior to incurring any costs. Attorney Knowlton stated the primary problem location is on the Charlotte/Lee border. **Commissioner Cummings** opined it is a more substantial problem which affects other areas within the County. **Chairman Duffy** agreed the Board needs more information and data.

**CC. Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Skidmore** expressed satisfaction with the series of town hall meetings; opined it has provided an effective means of communication; noted the next meeting to be held at the Events Center at 6:00 PM on February 23, 2009; commended Mr. Baltz for his commitment to efficiency in government; mentioned the Murdock Village workshop will be held today at 2:00 PM and his

willingness to sell the property as soon as possible; discussed Manasota Key MSBU lighting projects; talked about streamlining efficiencies; explained the Dial A Ride and Sunshine Ride programs in detail; and noted related savings. **Chairman Duffy** said she made a similar suggestion last year and is interested in finding additional efficiencies in those programs. **Commissioner Skidmore** brought up the \$200,000 cost to landscape the jail; mentioned Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park (ECAP) regulations; stated although he fully endorses ECAP's mission, he believes the County can save by adding language exempting public safety facilities from landscaping; and asked for Board approval. **Commissioner Skidmore** noted he was not in favor of renting space for an all employee health center, advised the budget and costs to date, and stated he would like Mr. Baltz to keep an eye on spending. Mr. Baltz asked for clarification. **Commissioner Skidmore** said there was a \$25,000 budget and indicated the estimated costs are around \$24,000. **Chairman Duffy** asked for a breakdown of costs. **Commissioner Skidmore** read the cost detail into the record and addressed Mr. Baltz by suggesting although we have a budget, we should work to save much more money. **Commissioner Skidmore** indicated he is unhappy with charging residents for beach parking; noted the frustration of those who forget to add coins throughout their stay and receive a \$71.50 ticket which is mandated by Statute; opined eliminating beach parking fees; said revenues are only \$13,000 a year; and suggested concession stands to bring in the revenues. **Chairman Duffy** agreed. **Commissioner Loftus** disagreed, noted parking fees help pay for beach maintenance, said the business owners did not want concession stands in the past, and asked where they would find the revenue to maintain the beaches. **Commissioner Starr** noted his opposition to parking meters at beaches and boat ramps, said in some cases revenues received are less than what meters cost to operate, opined we should give back something to the community, and requested additional information.

Attorney Knowlton advised she will research the laws related to the requirement of lifeguards based on the number of revenue generating facilities at beaches. **Commissioner Cummings** explained there was never an intent for parking meter revenues to pay full facility expenses, discussed past public outreach, explained the difference between net and gross revenue, noted Englewood Beach is in a small but active

commercial zone with a parking shortage, and expressed concern that others will take advantage of free parking. **Commissioner Skidmore** asked **Commissioner Starr** to take the comments back to his Advisory Board, opined there is a real revenue opportunity, indicated the importance of competitiveness, mentioned his direction for Ms. Shoemaker to do a competitive analysis, and noted the Sports Park should be used year round. **Commissioner Skidmore** mentioned privatization; commented on meeting with the Fire/EMS Union; noted they offered \$2 Million in savings; commended those who work hard for the citizens of Charlotte County; mentioned utilizing grants and savings associated with eliminating unnecessary projects; confirmed citizen's are satisfied with the same level of service at a better rate; and opined we can work together to save and keep our citizens working in Charlotte County.

**Commissioner Loftus** said he met with the founding members of the Climate Communities last week at a two day conference in Washington DC and noted their many accomplishments associated with energy conservation and transparency. **Commissioner Loftus** expressed concern with an issue that was brought up last October related journeyman electricians and County Code requirements associated with permitted job sites, read the State Statute into the record, opined the need for an update, asked for Board consensus to direct our Attorney to move forward with the language change. **Commissioner Loftus** asked for clarification related to a deposit check for the stadium suite. Mr. Baltz advised the suite is to stay under Commission direction.

**Commissioner Cummings** provided a comparison of efficiencies for Sunshine Ride versus Dial A Ride, read the data into the record, noted increased efficiencies were achieved with in-house staff presence, and indicated a report should be available soon. **Commissioner Cummings** commended **Commissioner Starr** for his vigilance at the last Water Authority meeting. **Commissioner Starr** toured the Public Works and Extension Service facilities, explained the scope of responsibilities and efficiencies, and commended the operation. **Commissioner Cummings** commented that in 1994 the Landfill Director opined they would have to bring in a compost company, noted eight years later they are still working with the same cell, explained they used a private engineering firm, and remarked that the primary engineer is our own Barbara Jeffries. **Commissioner Starr** noted his first

Kitchen Cabinet meeting was a success and announced the next meeting would be held Wednesday, February 11, 2009 in Room 119. **Chairman Duffy** explained they were planning an evening Regular BCC meeting and Board consensus confirmed the date and time would be April 14, 2009 at 5:30 PM in Room 119. **Chairman Duffy** also announced the next Town Hall Meeting would be held at the Events Center on February 23, 2009 at 6:00 PM, expressed hope that more citizens would attend, and commented it would be helpful if the newspaper printed a reminder.

**Chairman Duffy** expressed concern related to parking near the Events Center, commented that the Punta Gorda parking garage is several months away, advised she thanked the owners of the lot across the street for allowing 600 people to park on their property, and indicated the importance of options related to additional parking. **Commissioner Skidmore** opined there was sufficient parking and said the demand is not there yet. **Commissioner Loftus** opined we wait since the City of Punta Gorda will be opening their parking garage soon. **Chairman Duffy** said people park everywhere when there is more than one event at the same time and opined they should plan ahead with options. **Commissioner Cummings** indicated they did plan ahead when they built the Events Center, explained they deliberately decided on less parking to allow citizens to walk downtown Punta Gorda businesses, said the City is aware of it, said they could build an additional parking garage above the existing parking lot if necessary, explained urban land use does not require parking at each facility, and advised the idea is to encourage walking around the City. **Chairman Duffy** opined walking is fine but not in the summer when it is hot and pouring rain.

**VII. PRESENTATION AGENDA - No Items**

**VIII. PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA - 2:00 PM (Public input permitted)**

Conduct a joint workshop between the Board of County Commissioners as Ex-Officio governing board of the Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Agency and the Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee (MV-CRAAC)

**Chairman Duffy** asked each attendee to introduce themselves for the record. The following were in attendance: All County Commissioners and MV-CRAAC: Dr. David Klein, Committee Chairman;

Philip Palmer, Heritage Group; Suzanne Graham, American Pest Control; Clive Hollin, Real Estate Broker; and Andy Dodd, Member at Large.

Debra Forester, Redevelopment Manager, provided a detailed overview of Murdock Village which paralleled visual slides and packet information and advised all associated staff was available to answer questions throughout the presentation.

**Chairman Duffy** asked for clarification related to the Toledo Blade budget and commented she thought they allocated funds for infrastructure when they paid down the debt. **Commissioner Skidmore** advised detail was on page 4 of the memorandum and read the data into the record. Mr. Sandrock confirmed approximately \$6.5 Million was the total amount reserved for the project of which \$2.5 was allocated for design. **Commissioner Skidmore** asked if the \$2.5 Million was already spent and opined that cost is outrageous. Mr. Sandrock indicated it had not been spent. Mr. Palmer noted his understanding was \$1.3 Million for design. Ms. Forester confirmed the design and permitting costs were \$1.3 Million and advised \$2.5 Million was set aside in the CIP to cover construction, engineering, and inspections. **Chairman Duffy** asked for detail related to the size and cost of Toledo Blade roadway. Dan Quick, Public Works, provided a detailed breakdown of costs and explained how they were calculated.

**Chairman Duffy** asked for additional detail related to off-site utilities. Jeff Pearson, CCU Director, provided a brief overview of the off-site utilities, described its functions, costs, improvements, timeline, and location of each item discussed. Mr. Palmer asked about current and future Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs). Mr. Pearson responded in detail. **Commissioner Skidmore** asked if these projects were included on the Federal Economic Stimulus wish list and Mr. Pearson answered affirmatively. **Commissioner Loftus** questioned the various flows. Mr. Pearson clarified annual average and peak flows. **Commissioner Cummings** questioned the peaking factor. Mr. Pearson discussed the subject and advised he did not have the analysis data with him.

**Commissioner Loftus** questioned whether they were working with Public Works on the 7 miles of road construction along Midway for

wastewater and if they would work on the force main at the same time. Mr. Pearson said they were working with Public Works but the force main was not included due to lack of funds. **Chairman Duffy** asked if it was less expensive to do them together. Mr. Pearson noted the possibility of savings if bid together but was unable to confirm without reviewing the bids. Mr. Palmer asked if the off-site improvement cost estimate was strictly for Murdock Village. Mr. Pearson advised it would accommodate Central County and benefit West County. Ms. Graham asked if CCU would consider a temporary off-site to expedite the development. Mr. Pearson indicated they would explore any available options.

Ms. Forester asked Mr. Sandrock to clarify the earlier question related to money used to pay down the debt and advise whether the remaining \$4 Million will be put back into the project or used to continue to pay down the debt. Mr. Sandrock explained a variety of decisions could be made related to these funds and confirmed they could also be allocated back into this project. Ms. Forester offered several Discussion Points, mentioned the existing vision, and asked for group consensus on whether the vision is still consistent. **Commissioner Loftus** expressed concern that the vision is market driven and could change in the future. Mr. Palmer noted the importance of recognizing the demographics, said most older citizens will not walk, opined mixed use does not work, and expressed concern with the current vision of this project moving forward. Mr. Palmer mentioned the construction development industry is in trouble, said equity markets are dry, noted problems with development financing, and opined the previous approach will not work for us moving forward. **Commissioner Cummings** asked if the current vision will accommodate an employment center to the east. Ms. Forester explained why it was consistent with the vision. **Commissioner Cummings** questioned whether any development will work until the market is ready for it to work, said the key will be to take advantage of the market, noted the excess of single family residential parcels, expressed hope that we will resist giving the property away in this market, and suggested the Community will one day be happy that we purchased this unique asset.

**Chairman Duffy** expressed the importance of flexibility, noted not knowing what Murdock Village will look like in ten years, and

suggested they monitor the market and see what happens. Mr. Palmer opined they should begin gateway planning and permitting, said they can be built when funds become available, expressed the need for a front door plan with commercial toward US 41 with the dividing line being Toledo Blade, and said residential pods could later be developed off to the other side. **Commissioner Cummings** agreed with Mr. Palmer, opined they should posture themselves to act when the market returns, and stated the core question is how much revenue should be put toward improving the asset versus reducing the carrying cost. Mr. Palmer said if you permit it, it may be easier to sell the dream rather than the reality, talked about commercial developers and their ideas for the property, suggested they work on design, permitting, engineering, gateways (front doors), consider refinancing based on the rates, and use the balance to reduce the debt. **Commissioner Loftus** discussed decorative lighting at the Toledo Blade entrance. Mr. Palmer provided several suggestions related to the decorative lighting. Mr. Quick advised the cost for lighting only is \$323,000, said stamping has been done and was already in the contract, indicated they required Board direction on lighting, noted North Port has already installed decorative lighting, mentioned standard lighting costs, indicated the County piggy backed North Port's contract, and was unable to confirm the decorative lighting was energy efficient. **Commissioner Loftus** advised the lights along Toledo Blade are not operative but mentioned they are working on Sumter Boulevard. Mr. Palmer said there are a variety of decorative lights, mentioned the option of selecting something less expensive, and questioned if they wanted to light the entire area or have pools of light. **Commissioner Cummings** noted the danger related to pools of light and asked what revenues would fund the lighting. Mr. Quick explained the intent was to utilize gas tax and advised the new total cost for decorative lighting and design is \$323,367. **Commissioner Loftus** explained design was needed because decorative lighting required different spacing. **Commissioner Skidmore** clarified his understanding was that we either agreed to go ahead with the North Port lighting theme now or not do it. **Commissioner Cummings** explained we gain savings by piggy backing off of North Port's project, said we would pay much more if we did this as a separate project later, and suggested if we choose to go with the same decorative lights, we should do them now or pay a higher cost later. Mr. Quick agreed it would cost substantially more later. **Commissioner Starr** expressed concern with spending money

that we do not have on decorative lighting, commented that Sarasota County had the money to install their lights, suggested we go back to considering our wants and needs, and explained he cannot justify spending money we do not have at this time.

**Commissioner Skidmore** agreed with **Commissioner Starr**, said he is not in favor of spending another penny on this project, expressed the importance of removing this burden from County taxpayers, opined Murdock Village is an operational nightmare, recommended we put a "For Sale" sign up or call the Indians to open a casino there, and continued to express his frustration that they are still looking for ways to make this project a go when our residents have been against the project for years. **Commissioner Loftus** commented on a past conversation with casino management; said they indicated Charlotte County would be an ideal location for a casino, but advised they were legally unable to build a casino on property that was not designated an Indian Reservation in 1988 when the law was enacted. **Chairman Duffy** disagreed with **Commissioner Skidmore**, opined selling and losing millions of dollars is not the answer, said there are options for Murdock Village, indicated the need to use good sound judgment, said we are past resident frustration, and opined the property has future value. **Commissioner Skidmore** said we are not past the frustration if we are planning to spend more money, suggested they contact the Governor about a casino, said the current plan and vision will not work, and opined we need to cut our losses. **Commissioner Cummings** said the property is for sale and has been for sale, explained why the last proposal did not work, advised you cannot give the property away and still own the debt, and said they need to position themselves well for the return of the market. **Commissioner Cummings** opined the importance of investing in our infrastructure, said there are higher priorities than lighting now, and agreed with Mr. Palmer's comment on "selling the dream."

**Chairman Duffy** stated she would really like to see those decorative lights. **Commissioner Skidmore** commented on several things he would like to see, including jobs for all County residents, opined he does not consider decorative lighting an investment in infrastructure, and cannot justify spending an additional \$325,000 for decorative lighting when we have already paid \$130,000 for lighting that is adequate, functional, and safe. **Commissioner Starr** said you get the lights with the

project bid and expressed confusion that decorative lights are even being considered in this climate. **Chairman Duffy** commented that the Board has worked hard to cut costs over the years, noted there are times when they need to spend money carefully, mentioned the need for beautification, compared Port Charlotte to Naples, and opined spending is necessary to increase economic development to bring people and companies to Charlotte County. **Commissioner Loftus** remarked that these are the gateways to our Community. Mr. Palmer suggested they concentrate their conversation on Murdock Village. Ms. Forester asked for group consensus related to the present vision and provided clarification of the direction staff needed. Mr. Palmer opined it is unlikely someone will come in and buy all 875 acres, commented that the parcels will be broken up, and suggested there may be several commercial developers working on the project.

**Chairman Duffy** asked Don Root to provide information related to marketing the property. Mr. Root explained they are marketing the property as one parcel with the entitlements that are in place, said there are interested parties, agreed with Mr. Palmer on several counts, opined mixed use will not move as fast, and suggested a number of developments that he considers to be market makers. **Commissioner Cummings** asked if current vision restrictions would impede market makers if they became a reality and commented on the original intent for the property. Mr. Root opined no impact and said development must be unique, talked about the investment, expenses, risk, development timeline, and said they have the opportunity to turn this into something special. **Chairman Duffy** said the goal is to turn this project into something positive. **Chairman Duffy** asked if there was any reason not to demolish the properties along US 41. Mr. Root said there was none.

Ms. Forester talked about entitlement accomplishments and flexibility, noted the current zoning, provided three options related to the rezoning process, and asked for Board direction. **Commissioner Loftus** opined the second option was the best and Ms. Forester received Board consensus on that directive. Ms. Forester asked for direction to move forward on the demolition of four vacant gateway structures at an approximate cost of \$47,000. Ms. Graham asked if the demolition had recently gone out to bid. Kim Corbett advised the quote was

taken from the existing bid which had been renewed for an additional year and explained the cost is for the demolition, clean up, and disposal of the debris. **Commissioner Loftus** asked when the original contract went out for demolition. Ms. Corbett indicated her understanding was 2006. **Commissioner Loftus** suggested they go out for bid on all demolition to get a better price in this climate and the group agreed. Ms. Corbett advised they were required to provide the local contractor with a 30 day notice to terminate the existing contract. Ms. Forester asked if Board intent was to demolish the structures within Murdock Village once the new contract was approved and received affirmative Board consensus.

Ms. Forester asked for guidance related to moving forward with infrastructure design work within Murdock Village, mentioned the approach, and provided Decision Points awaiting direction. **Commissioner Loftus** asked if any design work was already completed. Ms. Forester confirmed there was none. Mr. Palmer talked about development and master structure and advised costs are lower if you do all together.

Ms. Forester asked for guidance related to moving forward with infrastructure design work within Murdock Village, mentioned the approach, and provided Decision Points awaiting direction. **Commissioner Loftus** asked if any design work was already completed and mentioned discussions in Washington DC related to receiving shovel ready dollars for projects with 30% of their design completed. Ms. Forester confirmed there was none. Mr. Palmer expressed his vision associated with utilities, development, and master structure, and advised costs are lower if they are done together. **Commissioner Cummings** asked for a timeline related to design. Mr. Quick indicated it could take up to two years to complete the design and permitting processes and opined at least one year for 30% design with a five year shelf life on the designing and engineering. The Commissioners discussed the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting and agreed they did not expect to see major stimulus funding. **Commissioner Skidmore** asked if the road project could be moved along any faster. **Commissioner Cummings** explained MPO process from plan to completion is 13 years. **Commissioner Starr** expressed concern that there are too many variables, stated he was opposed to investing \$2.5 Million at

this time, and stated the \$2.5 Million could help offset the shortage.

**Chairman Duffy** said she would like to get more information, bring it back at a later date, and opined they do not have to make a decision today. **Commissioner Loftus** agreed. **Commissioner Cummings** commented the decision was made when they put it in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) explained the current decision to be made is whether you want it to continue. **Commissioner Loftus** said Toledo Blade is in the CIP, but expressed concern with a decision related to the offsite utilities. Mr. Palmer said the entire process of taking a piece of raw ground to vertical construction can realistically be done in less than one year. **Commissioner Cummings** pointed out using federal money can drag out the timeline, stated his impression related to marketing the property, and commented further. Ms. Forester explained the marketing approaches. Ms. Forester confirmed Board direction at this time is to delay the design work and revisit the topic during the CIP process which begins in March.

Mr. Palmer expressed frustration with not being included in the planning process, asked the Board to clarify the purpose of the committee, said he originally joined to make a difference and provide recommendations, and asked the Board to define their direction. **Commissioner Cummings** noted he was not the driving force of the committee and did not have a problem with the Committee redefining its role. **Chairman Duffy** said the Committee should not take the lack of information personally, noted not much has come to the Board either, and opined the importance of citizen comments and support. Suzanne Graham described committee meetings to date, advised the committee has not been responsible for any recommendations or decision making, and also requested clarification of their purpose. **Commissioner Starr** commended Mr. Palmer for his input, was made aware that this is the first meeting they have had with the Board, opined the committee is a very valuable asset, and suggested they outline what the role should be for further discussion. Mr. Palmer was prepared with a list for Board consideration.

Clive Hollin commented on the reasons he joined the committee, talked about the original vision, expectations of better times,

and indicated the importance of staying positive. Andy Dodd said he is new to the committee, stated he is happy to provide his advice and input, and suggested the committee meet on an as needed basis.

**Commissioner Cummings** opined the core issue, commented that the meeting has been productive, and stated he appreciated the assistance. **Commissioner Starr** asked about the 7:30 AM meeting time, opined the committee can get what they want by taking the initiative, and commented he is interested in what they have to say. Mr. Palmer suggested they would receive more participation with a later meeting time. Ms. Forester pointed out the 7:30 AM meeting time was originally requested by Dr. Klein who is the Chairman. **Commissioner Loftus** said he is in favor of advisory committees, said they should only meet when there is something productive to discuss, and agreed the committee should receive information to review and advise the Board. **Commissioner Starr** suggested a liaison could help by attending all committee meetings.

Ms. Forester mentioned the role of the Economic Development office and asked Don Root to discuss confidentiality agreements. Mr. Root said his office has been involved with Murdock Village for the past six months, said they are actively seeking prospects interested in the property, explained they offer confidentiality protection per the Statutes, and clarified information cannot be given to the committee until it is a go. **Commissioner Cummings** said the committee is unable to see the individual development proposals and information until it becomes public and clarified what can be shared. Mr. Root said he is actively negotiating letters of intent.

Mr. Baltz summarized the workshop, said he received a 3/2 vote to not proceed with installing decorative lights on Toledo Blade at a cost of approximately \$300,000, announced they will proceed with flexibility when marketing the project, noted they will minimize expenditures when they can and will not proceed with designing Toledo Blade Road, explained they will proceed with a rebid on demolition of existing vacant buildings, confirmed they will proceed with rezonings by in-house staff for the general mixed use, and stated they will aggressively work through our Economic Development Office to market Murdock Village. Mr. Baltz received group consensus related to the

decisions made. **Chairman Duffy** asked if the committee is comfortable with their role and the outcome of this meeting, said the Board appreciates their input and respects their recommendations, commented they are welcome to change their meeting time and only meet when they feel it is necessary, opined **Commissioner Skidmore** will keep the Board current on meeting issues, and said the committee should feel free to speak at public meetings, ask to be on the agenda, and keep in contact with the Board. Mr. Dodd suggested the committee provide recommendations related to the mixed use rezoning. **Chairman Duffy** closed the meeting by thanking everyone involved for their service.

IX. BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA - No Items

ADJOURNED: 4:03 PM

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