

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 11, 2010

A meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Members present were: Chairman Starr, Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Skidmore, Commissioner Duffy, County Administrator Baltz, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Supervisor Manley, Mayor Goldberg, Vice Mayor Albers, Council Member McCormick, Council Member Wallace, Council Member Friedman, City Manager Howard Kunik, City Attorney Levin. The following members were absent: None

The meeting was called to order at **9:00 AM** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

I. Economic Development Working Group

Chairman Starr stated he is a member of the Economic Development Working Group. Don Root indicated the Working Group members, provided detail related to group progress, and paralleled a Power Point to discuss the future of Murdock Village including Land Swaps. Associated discussion continued. Attorney Knowlton pointed out that this meeting was not advertised as an Economic Development Working Group meeting and cautioned on related discussions as **Chairman Starr** and Council Member Wallace are both members of that committee. Mr. Root provided detail related to the Truck and Rail Intermodal Facility. City Manager Kunik gave an update on the progress of the project. Mr. Root commented further. **Commissioner Duffy** expressed concern with the value of the property and opined additional opportunities may be available. Council Member McCormick explained why the Riverside Sewer Project should move ahead.

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

Mr. Root summarized Talking Points provided by Roger Peterson, a Target representative, and advised the importance of putting a package together to attract people to Charlotte County as quickly as possible. Council Member Wallace commented on looking at investment returns and asked Mr. Root to review the numbers for Publix. **Commissioner Cummings** commented on economic diversification, ten year tax abatement, impact fees, ad valorem taxes, millage rates, and expressed the importance of investing in the community. Related discussion continued. **Commissioner Skidmore** proposed the need for further discussion related to the abatement issue, requested Board consensus for Attorney Knowlton to create ballot language, and suggested they move forward. **(There was Board Consensus to discuss the issue further.)** County Administrator Baltz offered an earlier meeting date to discuss the issue. Attorney Knowlton explained July 13th is the final deadline but mentioned they could review the drafts on June 22nd and bring them back in July for approval. **(There was Board Consensus to discuss the issue on June 22nd.)** **Commissioner Loftus** requested they include a review of Collier County's ordinance. Council Member Friedman remarked on timeframes and marketing.

II. Status Aqui Esta Road Project

Brian Barnes announced the bridge had opened June 1st, gave a progress report on the project, responded to questions, and noted evacuation contingencies that are in place.

III. South County Overlay District

Jie Shao and Steve Ellis presented an update on the South County Overlay project, gave a review on workshops and public meetings, and discussed the next steps.

(There was no public input.)

IV. Commissioner and Council Member Comments

None

ADJOURNED: 10:05 AM

Signature on File in Commission Minutes
Chairman

ATTEST:

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