

Office of Economic Development



JIA CRA Board Meeting
City Hall at St. James
117 West Duval St., 2nd Floor, CR E
Tuesday, December 20, 2012 – 4 p.m.

Board Members Present: Melody S. Bishop, Chairwoman; Warren Alvarez; Calvin Burney; Paul Schmidt; Andy Sikes, Vice Chairman; and Michael Stewart

Board Members Absent: Lad Daniels

OED Staff Members Present: Karen Underwood and Joseph Whitaker

Council Members Present: None

Attendees Present: Richard Berry, Eden Group; Lara Diettrich, Diettrich Planning; Jim Catlett, Vice President of Infinity Global; and Wight Greger, Redevelopment Consultant, WsG and Partners LLC.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair M. Bishop convened the JIA/CRA meeting at approximately 4 p.m., introduced members, OED staff and attendees present.

II. ACTION ITEMS – Chair M. Bishop

Approval of the November 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes

THE MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

Approval of Slate of Officers

Michael Stewart chaired the nominating committee and the slates of officers recommended by the nominating committee are as follows:

- Michael Stewart as Chairman
- Lad Daniels as Secretary, /Treasurer

- Paul Schmidt as Vice Chair. Paul Schmidt commented that he has taken on a full time position in Washington, D. C. with Customs and Border Protection.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL STEWART AND SECONDED BY ANDY SIKES TO MOVE A RECOMMENDATION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS VOTE BY ELECTING LAD DANIELS AS VICE CHAIR

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AND WARREN ALVAREZ AS SECRETARY/TREASURER.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 6-0

Chair M. Bishop commented that she was very interested in knowing if there was anyone else interested in serving. She asked Andy Sikes if he was seeking a reappointment in July after his term expires. Andy Sikes commented that effective January 2013; he will become the President of the Florida Association of Health Care Safety and Security Emergency Management Professionals. The professional group falls under the Florida Hospital Association.

Andy Sikes will remain active on the committee but not take on any leadership role.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WARREN ALVAREZ AND SECONDED BY CALVIN BURNEY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF SLATE OF OFFICERS.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 6-0

Chair M. Bishop will remain on the board until her term ends June 30, 2013. Chair M. Bishop and Vice Chair Andy Sikes could be reappointed due to this being their first term. She does not believe she could remain on the board due to serving on the DIA board. By Melody Bishop serving on the DIA, she advised the members to help City Council find replacement officers by June 2013. A lot of people out there could contribute to the JIA CRA aligned in those School Board Districts.

Chair M. Bishop stated that Councilman Holt's bill 2012- 492 has been approved and he did accommodate the board's requests.

Chair M. Bishop inquired if there were any groups that we are involved with that we can reach out to. Calvin Burney responded that he has been reaching out for his replacement. He has conversed with several Council Members on seeking his replacement in his school board District 5. He has also spoken with the Office of Boards and Commissions for the administration to see if they had overflow individuals with interest of the JIA Area Redevelopment Agency Board.

Joseph Whitaker noted that this board needs replacements for School Board Districts 1, 4, and 5.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. BOARD LIASON UPDATES

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Richard Berry commended Lara Dieltrech on her report and suggested it be updated after the census, which is every two years, to bring it up to date to the requirements of the State Legislature.

Michael Stewart reported that the JAA board approved the largest single project that has been done since acquiring Cecil Airport. Cecil Airport is a land lease and hangar construction. In about 30 days, Flightstar will begin a \$27 million expansion of their facility. This significant project will add anywhere from 350 to 400 jobs to a company that already has about 850 employees located at Cecil.

In about two weeks, the Department of Defense will make a selection on the assembly of the light attack aircraft. Embraer will be assembling at Jacksonville International Airport if the prime contract would be awarded. This is an existing hanger that was upgraded.

There is some clearing being done at Cecil of about 200 acres and funding has been received from the Florida Department of Transportation for a taxiway to hook up to the runways to make about 200 acres of green field sites ready next year to market to the aviation industry.

Melody Bishop asked about Shands. She read something in the paper that the request was denied. Michael Stewart responded by recommendation of administrative direction. Warren Alvarez responded because business would be taken away from Memorial Hospital. The board needs to write a letter to Penny Thompson stating that we support Shands coming to the North Jacksonville Area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at City Hall at St. James, second Floor in Conference Room E.

Melody Starr Bishop, Chair