

**Minutes of the
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
Committee Meeting
Elliot Museum
825 N. Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34996**

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. Larry Daum, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Martin County

Pauline Becker
Tammy Simoneau
Cindy Pingolt
Barbara Essenwine

Palm Beach County

Richard Staudinger
Gary Hines for Kelly Smallridge
Kathryn Schmidt

St. Lucie County

Candace Walker
Larry Daum
Gwenda Thompson

Indian River County

Raymond Coniglio
Matthew King
Randy Riley

Staff

Greg Vaday
Penny Myszkowski

Staff called the roll and announced that a quorum was present. Motion was made by Ms. Tammy Simoneau and seconded by Mr. Ray Coniglio to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2008 CEDS meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion

Ms. Barbara Essenwine made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Tammy Simoneau seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Staff discussed the following items:

Brownfields Workshop

A Brownfields Workshop will take place on April 23, 2008 at the Seminole Inn in Indiantown from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The charge is \$35.00 and includes breakfast and lunch. AICP credit for the course is available to planners.

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Grants

Staff mentioned the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) can provide funding for community facilities, infrastructure, and many other rural projects. Members should contact Staff to learn more about these grant opportunities.

CEDS Project List

Staff asked committee members to consider which CEDS projects should be activated. As an example, staff is working with the City of Sebastian Airport on an economic development project. The inland port in Palm Beach County is another project which is moving through a feasibility stage. The Regional Planning Council is involved in the Intercoastal Waterway project in Palm Beach County, a forty-eight mile long corridor. A charrette will take place on May 12-15, 2008 at the Palm Beach Atlantic University. Ms. Tammy Simoneau mentioned that she would like to see Martin County inland waters and the Manatee Pocket project be included as a CEDS project

Committee Comments

Candace Walker spoke about the regional water supply issue and Staff said the South Florida Water Management District has released two water supply plans. Florida Atlantic University, through its Center for Urban and Environmental Studies, is working to develop a report called Florida 2060. This long range plan is looking at the future of infrastructure, housing, and water systems in the State of Florida. Also, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) is looking into the issue of sea level rise and alternative energy sources. Staff will keep the committee informed about future TCRPC meetings that will meet to discuss these issues.

Gary Hines said there will be a luncheon on Monday, April 14, 2008, from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm at the Airport Hilton, West Palm Beach, on Innovation in Biofuel Technology = Investment in Palm Beach County. He will send details to staff to forward to the CEDS committee members.

Museum Overview

Robin Hicks-Connor presented an overview of the upcoming Elliott Museum renovations. Following the presentation, committee members were able to browse the facility.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

The next CEDS meeting on June 12, 2008 will be held at the new Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council office on Camden Avenue if the facility is ready. Scripps or Pratt and Whitney are other possible locations for the meeting.