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Downtown South
Neighborhood Improvement District
Advisory Council

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Downtown South Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., City Hall, Second Floor, Veterans Conference Rm, 400 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida.

AGENDA

Advisory Council Members Present:

Aaron Bottenhorn
Adam Freeman
Charlotte Manley
Harlan Hanson (chair)

City/DSNID Staff Present:

Bill Kercher
Jason Burton
Pauline Eaton
Sarah Taitt, Esq.

Members of the Public Present:

Linnette Boldig
Jim Hamil
Curt Ostradka
Brandon Heuber
James Krawczyk

1. Call to order and determination of a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.
2. Public comment. Chair Hanson called for public comments; no public comments were made.
3. Review and approval of minutes
 - a. April 12, 2017
 - b. Charrette/Workshop

The Chair called for the Advisory Council to review the minutes of the previous meetings.

Adam Freeman moved that the Council accept and approve the minutes for the previous meetings, and Charlotte Manley seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote of all Advisory Council members present.



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4. Items:

- a. Hiring Process (Jason Burton/Chair). Mr. Burton updated the group that an offer has been sent to the successful candidate for the project manager position with the City. Chair Hanson commented that during the process of interviewing and hiring this employee, he believes that additional resources are available to the DSNID and Advisory Council within the City's organization will be of benefit. Mr. Burton expects that the employee will begin sometime after the week of July 4th; however, the final start date has not been determined at this time (the successful candidate had a required 30-day notice to their employer). Update: The Mr. Martin Hudson has accepted the job and passed background screening, and should be starting on July 17, 2017.
- b. Post DSNID Charrette/Workshop (GAI/Jason Burton). Mr. Burton referred to a 270-page powerpoint that conglomerated the results and work of the charrette. This multi-day workshop got a jump start on a complete streets master plan for the district; Mr. Burton reviewed the cross sections proposed for Orange Avenue, Division and other streets; roundabouts that were being considered at key intersections entering the district; and, other results of the charrette.

Chair Hanson pointed out a diagram in the powerpoint for a system of connected open spaces that came out of the charrette, specifically from Kha Le-Hu, AIA on the consultant team. It will be important to advance the greenway and stormwater planning for the district in order to undertake that effort.

- c. Smart Cities Presentation (Chris Castro). Chris Castro, Director of Sustainability for the City, presented a power point on Smart Cities initiatives; this is an outgrowth of the City's Green Works Plan (2007). The efforts for Smart Cities can be showcased in the SODO, Downtown and Creative Village Districts. The idea is how to evolve city services with new technologies.

The City's initial efforts was born through the USDOT's 2015 Smart Cities challenge, which gave \$50 million toward the successful medium-sized city (Columbus, OH won the challenge). However, the process invoked a partnership locally between the City of Orlando and 40 regional partners. The work continued after the challenge, bringing the partners together at EPCOT in May 2016. The City also partnered in the "Metrolab Network" between the City of Orlando, Florida Polytechnic, and UCF to advance technology locally.

Mr. Castro explained the City's work with our police and fire departments on body camera, open source data, IRIS cameras, and traffic signal prioritization. The City is also working on a new computer aided dispatch system to increase response efficiency.



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The City has adopted a zero waste goal by 2040. The City is also beginning a pilot project for solar trash compactors within our Downtown, and wishes to expand to other walkable urban areas (potentially SODO) at the completion of the pilot. The City is working on sensors on these compactors and dumpster bins to dynamically schedule pick-ups.

The City has already worked with OUC to install 17,000 new LED fixtures (Vernon Ford at OUC has managed most of the retrofits). We have concentrated on replacing residential areas, but there is a renewed push for corridors (such as the recently installed Semoran Blvd corridor) and Main Street areas. An array of sensors may be integrated with street lights that can help manage a number of City services.

The City and Downtown CRA/DDB is investing in new alternative fuel vehicles for the Lymmo lines, and moving toward a 100% alternative fuel fleet. Having electric vehicle charging stations integrated into parking garages and on-street parking is also a goal, but could additionally induce business.

The City is moving toward smart buildings, through reporting methods (BEWES Program) to reduce energy and water consumption. The City has a policy of LEED-Silver for all new buildings, with several reach LEED-Gold. The City also invested in a \$17.5 bond to implement smart building technologies, which has resulted in a \$2.5/year saving; a portion of the defrayed cost are invested into a revolving energy fund to do further improvements.

The City is also one of ten regions nationwide as an autonomous vehicle proving ground – for electric, connected and autonomous vehicles – and participates in a partnership called the Smart Cities Council. Florida Polytechnic is also constructing a town proving ground to test the new technology near their campus. Siemens is also working with the City to provide a city performance tool to analyze energy mix and prioritize technology improvements. Lake Nona is also installed “gigabyte” city infrastructure, has a Wellness Home for Innovation and Technology (<http://www.meetwhit.com/>), and is integrating wellness into their planning and programs.

Chair Hanson commented that incrementally improving existing districts of the City will need to be equally important as new/greenfield development.

- d. Sunshine Training (Sarah Tait, Esq.). Ms. Tait provided a short course on Florida Sunshine law, and how it applies to the Advisory Council. The topics included government in the Sunshine, public records, and ethics policies. She reminded the Advisory Council that Florida has stricter rules than most states for conducting government business in the sunshine at the local level. Should any questions arise regarding any of these issues, Advisory Council members should contact the City Attorney’s office for clarifications and guidance.



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5. Next meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2017, City Hall, Veterans Conference Room, 9:00 a.m.
6. Announcements and other business
 - a. Update from the Main Street. James Krawczyk, President of the SODO Main Street board of directors reported on the Accidental Music Fest, put on by SODO board member Benoit Glazier in May at the SODO Shopping Center. Further coordination by the Executive Director occurred for several Pulse remembrance events this past week. The SODO Main Street is also starting a new program to recognize local businesses within the district that are contributing to the community through “Icon” awards; so far, eight awards have been handed out to recognize local businesses.

Chair Hanson complemented the SODO Main Street, and mentioned a needed partnership with the main street program in implementing CPTED related improvements for the businesses of the district overall.

7. Adjourn: The meeting ended at 10:31 am.