
**ROCKLEDGE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Rockledge Business Development Committee met on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Building Department Conference Room at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Henn (Chairman), Paul Grossman (Vice Chair), Arthur Edwards, Elizabeth Logan, Amy Tidd, Janet Monaco, Ronald Ramsey and Trevor Echerd.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adam Copenhaver (excused) and Frank White (excused).

STAFF PRESENT: Alix Bernard, Planning Director; Britta Kellner, Community Redevelopment Coordinator; and Tracy Priebel, Recording Secretary.

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Henn at 5:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Regular Minutes of February 26, 2019)

- Regular Minutes of February 26, 2019

By motion of Paul Grossman, seconded by Janet Monaco, the Business Development Committee moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2019 and the Attendance Record of same and passed unanimously.

A. Attendance Record

See Item 2, Approval of Minutes.

3. PERSONAL APPEARANCES/PRESENTATIONS

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Alix Bernard stated there were two nominees for the Business of the Quarter – 1st, as noted on the criteria form (Indian River Furniture and M & B Bridal). She also mentioned there was a write-up page on each nominee as well as a history report listing all past nominees and winners, for review. Having no further nominees or discussion, members were asked to submit their votes.

Results of the voting: Indian River Furniture was voted as the Business of the Quarter for 1st quarter of 2019.

- B. Report: Alix Bernard announced the nominees for the 2018 Volunteer of the Year will come from committee and board members, and will be based on the number of years on various boards and committees and overall service to the City, with the final selection being made by a committee composed of previous winners. She then passed around voting slips and collected the votes from the committee members. The award will be given at the Volunteer Breakfast scheduled for April 20th.

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Report: Community Redevelopment Agency/Britta Kellner, CRA Coordinator

CRA Coordinator Britta Kellner reported the annual CRA report was completed a week in advance and that March had been a quiet month for CRA business. She did remind everyone about the ribbon cutting for the new Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, scheduled for Friday (March 29th) at 10:00.

- B. Report: Economic Development Committee (EDC)/Liz Logan

Liz Logan reported the following:

- Liz Logan attended the March EDC meeting. She presented handouts about an announcement where Linda Weatherman had been honored as the Junior Achievement Laureate, free webinars being offered on the EDC website, and meeting information for Women in Manufacturing. Ms. Logan also reported that a grant donation for the Civic Hub would be a 50/50 donation from the Space Coast and National Associations of Realtors.

- C. Report: Projects Update

Alix Bernard, Planning Director reported on the following projects:

- A company coming in from Tennessee to Barton Commons, near Bealls with a multi-family project.
- There is also some interest at Village Green for the potential of another multi-family project.
- The Civic Hub should be complete by the end of May or early June.
- Asked about DOT updates, Ms. Bernard reported that resurfacing should start in "July" of the DOT's schedule. The process for getting a stop light at Roy Wall and Fiske Blvd has gotten through the first criteria threshold, and lining up the roads has already been addressed in the planning phase.
- The Senior Living Project is still on hold until they can find another contractor.

- Amy Tidd stated that Cocoa Beach has installed several cross-walks with lights, and suggested getting one installed at Levitt Parkway and Fiske Blvd. for safer access to the park in that area.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Henn asked for any other reports:

- Art Edwards asked where they were with the Barton Commons project. Alix explained the Tennessee Company would be going before the Zoning Board in June to request a rezoning for redevelopment mixed use.
- Ron Ramsey was talking up Rockledge businesses and how residents need to apologize for missing meetings, but said the City seems to be moving in a great direction.
- Liz Logan stated that there is still a Rockledge Business Alliance, but that it needs to start out slow and build up to full membership.
- Amy Tidd reiterated about the cross-walk and lights at Levitt Parkway.
- Dan Henn reminded everyone about recent IRS scams and not to forget to submit tax returns.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tracy Priebe, Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Chairman, Business Development Committee