

Downtown Business Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2010

Meeting held at: Susan's Courtside Cafe

Meeting Called to Order: 6:15pm

Present: Mike Trim; Amanda Trim; Jerry Gemskie; Nancy Gemskie; Carl Greenfield; Capt. Shepard; Ladell Rigsby; Belinda Ortiz; Randy Littlefield; Donna (Airboats &More); John Fields, President.

New Business:

President, John Fields introduced City of Kissimmee Economic Development Director, Belinda Ortiz who informed the group about the UCF Incubator ribbon cutting to take place downtown on June 24th at 5pm. John then let the group know about the CRA Vision project to be held on June 29th at 5pm in the commission chambers. He also stated that Kissimmee Main Street sent a letter stating their interest and exchanging memberships and having a DBA representative sit on their board. The members felt that this was a good idea and appointed Secretary, Amanda Trim to serve as liaison.

Old Business:

There was then discussion about shutting down Broadway once a month for car shows and the possibility of closing it down four times a year for events such as art festivals, etc. That discussion led to talks about traffic calming at which point Capt. Shepard informed the group about the STEP Program and let us know that we would see an increased police presence downtown. Commissioner, Jerry Gemskie also stated that we would soon be getting permanent speed humps downtown and would come back with a time frame.

The conversation regarding parking meters was continued at June's meeting with Commissioner, Jerry Gemskie stating that the City was against it. It was agreed that President, John Fields would send a letter to both the City and the County stating the DBA's position against the parking meters.

The topic of Airboats on the agenda with Commissioner Gemskie stating that the City wants it attraction style with 10 tours per day. He felt that a 3-year contract may be too short and was not sure if the Commission would decide to use 1 or 2 vendors. There will also be some logistical issues to be worked out regarding the launch pad and bait shop location.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.