

SUMMARY MINUTES

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2019 – 6:15 P.M. 10770 WEST OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD

- A. CALL TO ORDER** **BY: LOUIS FEUER**
6:15 P.M.
- B. ROLL CALL** The following were found to be present:
- Marco Bohorquez
Louis Feuer
Jack Salerno
Lee Offir
Hernan Zapata
David Hanser
Nidia Skokanic – EXCUSED ABSENCE
- Louis Sandora – Economic Development Director
Alesa Lane - Secretary
- C. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
- None.
- D. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2019 SUMMARY MINUTES**
- Louis Feuer made a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes. Jack Salerno seconded the motion. There was no opposition from the Board.
- E. OLD BUSINESS**
- Louis Feuer said considering the Board have already exhausted all of the opportunities this year there is no more old business to discuss. He said he would gladly entertain any new business brought forth by the board.
- F. NEW BUSINESS**
- There were no new business items from the members. Louis said he took the small business packets of information distributed by Lou Sandora at the last meeting to the Chamber's office for visitors, members and the public so they would have access to the materials.
- G. GREATER SUNRISE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE – LOUIS FEUER**

Louis said the Taste of Sunrise would be on Thursday, February 20, 2020. He said the event is now run by the City of Sunrise and the Chamber is helping with getting vendors. He said the City has put the signs out around the area. There are about 500 tickets available. He said they had a goal of 30 vendors and so far, they have 25 vendors. The tickets are \$20.00 and the event will be from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. It will be held at the Civic Center.

Lou Sandora stated that the tickets should be purchased in advance; otherwise, chances of getting them are slim as the event was sold out last year. He said tickets, if still available could be purchased at the door for \$30.

Lou Sandora said Mayor Ryan would be presenting his annual State of the City Address in early January. Louis Feuer said this is usually a highly attended Chamber event and will be held in the morning with a breakfast buffet at the Sunrise Civic Center

H. MARKETING UPDATE –LOU SANDORA

Lou presented some of the preliminary numbers he has been putting together for the end of the year. He said we had approximately 145,000 square of office space used in 2019 and over a 1,000 new jobs. He said, not surprisingly, many of the relocations we had were tech companies. One of the companies, eBuilder moved in with 30,000 square feet and 175 new jobs. Another company, Ultimate Software with 100,000 square feet and 375 new jobs. Alpha Staffing relocated their headquarters, with 15,000 square feet. He said some companies already in Sunrise had major expansions during the year like HealthTrust, a subsidiary of HCA, added 125 new positions. Sunshine Health Plans also added 265 new positions during the year in which they received City incentives for the expansion. He said in total, we expect to have almost 500 new business licenses for the year.

Lou said the City processed 8,500 building permits with the value of those projects exceeding \$250 for the year. Occupancy rates are the lowest in our history of 5%. He said Industrial space is essentially full, 100% occupied for 2019.

Lou said the spot light next year will really be on redevelopment. He said there are some great programs being instituted by Community Development to facilitate redevelopment and investment in residential and commercial properties. For example, if you are a homeowner or a small contractor that is doing renovations to a home, we now have established a program for reroofing, windows, doors, shutters, garage doors, electrical service changes, fences, water heaters and a/c replacement we can provide same-day permits. There are a couple of other things in regards to electronic permit filing and tracking homeowners can do with an App. He said a lot of good stuff happening for the City for 2020.

I. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Lou Sandora reminded the board to go to the City Clerk's Office to be sworn in for the New Year if they have not done so.

Hernan Zapata motioned to adjourn. Jack Salerno seconded it. The Board approved.

The next meeting will be on January 15, 2020.

Transcribed by: Alesa Lane, Board Secretary

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S.S. 286.0105.