

A meeting of the OBT Development Board was held **virtually, via Zoom on October 28, 2020**, at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present:     Demetrius Summerville  
                              Tasha Golis  
                              Commissioner Victoria Siplin  
                              Carolyn McClendon  
                              Tangia Hill-Smikle  
                              Brandon Lee

Staff Present:         Vanessa Pinkney, Executive Director  
                              Marcia D. Davis, Executive Assistant  
                              Jessica Darden, Program Manager

Guests:                 Vijay Seelam, P.E., GAI

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Demetrius Summerville, Chairperson, at 7:35 a.m.

- I. ROLL CALL** – Demetrius Summerville, Tasha Golis, Commissioner V. Siplin, Carolyn McClendon, Tangia Hill-Smikle, Brandon Lee
- II. CONSENT AGENDA**  
V. Siplin moved to approve the Consent Agenda without financials. It was seconded by Tangia Smikle and the motion carried with all members voting aye.
- III. PRESENTATION – Woods Street Update and Storm Water Retention Update**  
Vijay Seelam gave an update on the Woods Street paving project. The amount of right-of-way needed has been determined and discussions with the owners of the commercial zoned properties will proceed. Orange County and the State of Florida are amenable to the re-configuration of the two retention ponds which are in close proximity to the Parliament House catalyst site provided the OBT Development Board/OBT CRA assumes the maintenance of the project upon completion.
- IV. FDOT Project on OBT**  
V. Pinkney apprised the board on four projects underway along the corridor. In conjunction with FDOT, lighting upgrades are being done throughout the entire OBTNext area, FDOT is planning additional pedestrian safety projects between I-4 and Holden including 3 additional Hybrid Beacon Pedestrian crossings. T. Golis expressed major concern with the addition of the HBP's citing the potential impact on traffic. Comm. Siplin suggested staff contact one of the elected State officials to express concern about the HBP's and additional changes that may have a negative impact on traffic.
- V. OBT Meeting Schedule**  
The Executive Order from Governor DeSantis allowing virtual meetings during the pandemic expires on October 31, 2020. Advisory boards will be required to resume in person meetings with a minimum of a quorum present while complying with Orange County social-distancing and sanitary guidelines. Meetings may be a hybrid of the quorum and virtual access by staff with provisions for public attendance in person and online. The consensus of the board and staff is to conduct hybrid meetings with board members rotating physical attendance monthly. Due to the upcoming holidays, the board agreed to meet November 18, 2020, and December 16, 2020, at the Holden Heights Community Center, if possible.

**VI. CRA Extension**

V Pinkney provided an update. The CRA Extension hearing is scheduled for November 17, 2020, at the 2:00 p.m. session. They are also going to vote on extending our administrative agreement with the County to manage the CRA for one year. Board members are not required to be present.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- **OBT Safety Task Force Update** – V. Pinkney provided an update. Safety Task Force meetings have resumed and will continue to meet virtually. Safety concerns are numerous concerning Blossom Park. Met with O.C. Planning and Zoning staff and they have a preliminary pre-application from a developer to demolish and erect attainable housing. The County will be reviewing to determine if this is a feasible option.
- **OBT Housing Task Force** – V. Pinkney provided an update. The OBT Housing Task Force has resumed, represented by City and County staff, and other housing organizations. The Housing Task Force will play a critical role in a grant program that will serve the housing needs of Holden Heights.
- **OBT Catalyst Site Retention**
- **The Pavement of Woods Street**
- **Tour for Developers and Investors**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

D. Summerville expressed interest in when 5G and other technology upgrades are planned for OBT. Staff will consult with FDOT.

**IX. Public Comment – N/A**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by

*Marcia D. Davis*

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