

Central Florida Partnership
2011 Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Chamber of Commerce Building

Present: Wade S. Alliance; Loren J. Bender; Laura M. Boisvert; Anthony J. Catanese; Tracy Duda Chapman; Joie Chitwood, III; Des Cummings Jr.; Patricia J. Engfer; Richard T. Florell; Aaron J. Gorovitz; Debbie Harvey; Kevin Healy; C.T. Hsu; Jeffery Q. Jonasen; Yolanda Londoño; Alex Martins; F. David McKinney; Adam H. McKinnon; Michael D. Minton; Ron Pizzuti; Captain William Reuter; Steven B. Rivers; Paul Shaffer; Jacob V. Stuart; Rasesh Thakkar; and Erin Wallace.

Guests in Attendance: Jim Bell, Jim Freeman, Adrian Jones, Jerry Miller, H. Paul Senft, Jr., and The Honorable Edwin V. Smith.

Absent: Mark Brewer; Karen L. Dee; Mary L. Demetree; Orlando L. Evora; John C. Hitt; Clayton Hollis; Leila Jammal-Nodarse; James E. Jardon, II; Tony Jenkins; Thomas S. Kornegay; C. Dean Kurtz; Frederick W. Leonhardt; John Moskos; Timothy Seneff; Judy D. Spencer; Tony Stiffler; and Ed Timberlake;

Staff in Attendance: Leslie Hielema, Michael Ketchum, Shelley Lauten, Ruth Mustian, Kathy Panter, Kristine Vorpapel Shields, and Carol Walker.

Jeffery Q. Jonasen, 2011 Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation by Des Cummings, Jr., Ph.D. Mr. Jonasen called for approval of the 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2011. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes as presented. He then extended a warm welcome to our new Board Member, Erin J. Wallace, Senior Vice President, Operations, Walt Disney World Co., and introduced our special guests representing Polk County.

Patricia J. Engfer, Vice Chair of Finance, presented the Financial Statement of Position and Statement of Activities through March 31, 2011, and reported that our Volunteer Leaders received a "Financial Briefing" on Friday, April 8, 2011. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Statement of Position and Statement of Activities through March 31, 2011, as presented.

Mr. Jonasen introduced Jerry Miller, President of the Central Florida Development Council (CFDC), who shared the purpose, vision and growth of Polk County and the Central Florida Development Council, together with the enthusiasm Polk County has concerning their geographical position between Orlando and Tampa Bay, working together to connect our communities. He introduced The Honorable Edwin V. Smith, Chair of the Polk County Commission, who shared an update on Polk County economics, jobs and accomplishments. Adrian Jones, General Manager, LEGOLAND Florida, shared an update on LEGOLAND, targeted to open later this year. A discussion followed. Mr. Jonasen summarized the many positive partnerships and collaboration between the *Central Florida Partnership* and Polk County.

As one of the fifty-four (54) participants of the *Central Florida Partnership* "Region-to-Region" Community Visit to Salt Lake City, Adam H. McKinnon, Suburban Land Reserve, shared the success and positive experience of the recent trip, held on March 23-25, 2011. He stressed the importance of the collaboration between Utah's leaders concerning transit-orient development (rail) during its early years; resulting in one of the most successful light rail systems in America.

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Jacob V. Stuart, President, provided an update on *SunRail*, Central Florida's Commuter Rail. The Core Strategy Team (CST) for Commuter Rail (*SunRail*) has been meeting weekly to discuss *SunRail*, and ways to raise awareness and successfully advance our transportation agenda concerning this vital initiative. The Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission Meeting, held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, enjoyed "perfect attendance" by the five (5) Commissioners, with "standing room only," thanks to the strong support of the Core Strategy Team (CST) for Commuter Rail. Congresswoman Corrine Brown and Congressman John Mica were also in attendance, adding their comments.

Mr. Stuart reported that the *2011 Super Regional Leadership Conference*, being held on Thursday and Friday, April 28 & 29, 2011, is presented by the *Tampa Bay Partnership* and the *Central Florida Partnership*, and is designed to create an opportunity for business, civic and government leaders to come together in support of a "shared agenda," working together in support of Florida's Super Region.

The Baker Hostetler *Central Florida Partnership* "Trip to Washington, D.C.," being held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 11 & 12, 2011, is a "sold out" event. Because the City of Orlando and the Central Florida Region are "indelibly linked" to this important employment sector, our "number one priority" on this visit will be Aerospace Research and Development. Seventy (70) participants will travel together to not only greet Florida's brand new U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), but will also meet several new faces in the Central Florida Congressional Delegation; newly-elected Congresswoman Sandy Adams (R-Oviedo), newly-elected Congressman Richard Nugent (R-Brooksville), newly-elected Congressman Dennis Ross (R-Lakeland) and newly-elected Congressman Dan Webster (R-Winter Garden). They will also celebrate the elevation of Congressman John Mica (R-Winter Park), to the powerful post of Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Shelley Lauten, President, *myregion.org*, gave a brief update on *Open for Business: The Central Florida Coalition for Growth and Prosperity* and summarized the results of the recent *2011 Central Florida Business Climate Survey*.

Michael Ketchum, President, *BusinessForce*, reported that the interview process is now underway for the *2011 Central Florida Political Leadership Institute*. This year, we enjoyed a 50% increase in the number of applications over previous years. Ten (10) *Central Florida Political Leadership Institute* graduates have been successfully elected to public office.

The next meeting of the *Central Florida Partnership* Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 12:00 o'clock noon to 2:00 p.m., at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Jeffery Q. Jonasen, Chair, at 1:50 p.m.

Attest:



Carol A. Walker