



City of Thousand Oaks

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE (BR)

May 13, 2008

The Acorn Room

2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard

Summary Notes

Call to Order by Phil Koonce (Chairman) 8:15 a.m.

Roll Call: Present: Cheryl-Lee Brown, Ed Garnett, Phil Koonce, Mark Jessee, Suzanne Luce, Susan Murata, Dan Overton, Ashish Vaidya (Vice Chair), Joel Volk, Denis Wilson

Staff: Mark Towne, Deputy Community Development Director; Gary Wartik, Economic Development Manager; Liz Perez, Facilities Manager; Claudia Pedroso, Senior Planner; Mary Lech, Assistant Analyst

Absent: John La Rocca

Public Comments:

Jan Smith, Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village Chamber of Commerce, Director of Governmental and Economic Affairs reported on the following: After Five Mixer/Picnic in the Courtyard, May 21, 2008, 5:30 p.m., Selvin Properties, 3625 Thousand Oaks Blvd.; 6th Annual Spirit of Community Awards, June 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Los Robles Greens Banquet Center; 23rd Westlake Auto Show, October 5, 2008, 10:00 a.m., Countrywide Financial Corp., 31303 Agoura Road.

Introduction of New Members:

Joel Volk and Ed Garrett

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Phil Koonce elected Chair, carried 9-0, John LaRocca and Denis Wilson absent.
Dr. Ashish Vaidya elected Vice Chair, carried 9-0, John LaRocca and Denis Wilson
Absent



Review of Sub-Committee Responsibilities / Sub-Committee Member Assignments

Continued to June 2008 meeting.

Current Sub-Committee Reports/Action:

Initiation of Building/Living Green Sub-Committee-

Facilities Manager Liz Perez explained Thousand Oaks has long been an advocate of "Living Green"; Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) practices are effective yet costly, many feel the cost is recouped over the years; Several levels of LEED certification exist (platinum, silver, etc.).

Los Angeles requires buildings be LEED certified; "Sustainability" is a broader more appropriate term; City is pro-active and we need to develop additional policies.

Mark Towne's comments: City has a 2004 Resolution on green practices; Roundtable members are asked to review LEED certification in preparation of developing the new City Ordinance; Transportation Center will be LEED certified; LEED certification is complicated - paperwork is costly and architects must be used that have a LEED certification.

The pamphlet, "Build it Smart," (energy saving design) was produced by Ventura County and Ventura County cities; Applicants complete a form/checklist to show their intentions to go "green;" This is not mandatory but serves as an intermediate step to setting formal regulations; Community Development is working on a Draft Resolution for green standards, a copy will provided to the Business Roundtable for review.

9:40 a.m. – Roundtable member Denis Wilson arrived.

Suggestions: Partner with other groups to distribute sustainability information (provides an element for City Council update report); Roundtable should focus on simplifying citizen "green standards" information, entrepreneurs do not have the time to read scores of information.

Businesses are choosing to go green due to the current trends, also rebates and government financial assistance are available; Currently, there are no set "green" standards" regulations; By the end of the year it is anticipated standards should be codified by the International Code Council; Each state is anticipated to develop a



green building code; LEED is being implemented in commercial building but has not been practiced in residential construction.

Mr. Watik advised City Council is requesting a brief status report and suggestions from Business Roundtable members by the end of July 2008; City Council is open to "green standards" for residential property.

Mr. Towne, Ms. Perez, and Ms. Pedroso to attend June Business Roundtable meeting.

Small Business Report – Report on-hold until June, 2008.

Thousand Oaks Blvd. Specific Plan - Report on-hold until June, 2008.

Permit Processing – Report on-hold until June, 2008.

Parking - Report on-hold until June, 2008.

Building Heights - Report on-hold until June, 2008.

Roundtable Comments and Open Forum:

No Comments

Adjournment: 9:35 a.m. to June 10, 2008

