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TRAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2008

In attendance:
Committee Members: Commissioner Deede Weithorn, Sam Rabin, Frank Del Vecchio, Dr. Robert Henry, David Lancz, Mark Hunter, Mike Burke

Absent: Steve Chaneles

Commission: Ed Tobin

City Staff: Robert Parcher, Anne Swanson, Trish Walker, Jorge Gomez, Gary Held, Denia Garcia, Ben Torter

Public: Henry Stolar, Harry Cherry, Leo Ostreicher, Dr. Sunshine

A motion was made to approve the October minutes by Frank Del Vecchio, second by Sam Rabin, minutes approved by the committee.

Mike Burke requested that the committee discuss the idea of an online check registry which would list each expenditure by the city on the website. Trish Walker talked about the different ways that the city pays different types of accounts. The committee was interested in finding out what about this would be useful to the public, what information people would necessarily be looking for and how could it be provided without overtaxing the city's resources. Commissioner Weithorn and Trish Walker are going to discuss this idea in greater detail and come back to the committee with a suggested action plan.

Frank Del Vecchio presented a series of suggestions regarding the process by which Land Development Board applications are made available to the public prior to the application being reviewed at a public meeting. Please see attachment A.

Henry Stolar presented his recommendations regarding the application process to the Land Development Boards. Please see Attachment B.

The committee requested that the City Attorney's office and the Director of the Planning Department respond to both Mr. Del Vecchio and Mr. Stolar's recommendations at the next meeting. Committee discussion was tabled until the December meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.