



**BUSINESS CLIMATE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
December 13, 2010**

**Committee Members in attendance – alphabetically:**

**Committee Members not in attendance – alphabetically:**

**Jon Bednerik  
Ted Ehrlichman  
Bob Girard  
Kevin Hicks  
Jeff Maulsby  
Chris Pfahler**

**Rob Morris  
Mike Ritter  
Mary Slapp  
John Stump  
Daisy Vulovich**

**Guest**

**Alan Anderson**

**Staff - alphabetically:**

**Kathy Baylis  
Lee Kotwicki**

**Ron Maloney  
Kyle Stevens**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Kevin Hicks called the meeting of the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County (EDC) Business Climate Committee to order at 4:06 p.m. Introductions were made.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Impact Fees Update (Mary Slapp)**

In May 2009 Manatee County waived their school impact fees and reduced their transportation impact fee by 50%. Sarasota County has removed its school impact fees, as the School Board has stated there are no plans for new construction in their five-year CIP. There is a request for a 50% reduction in transportation impact fees for a period of two years,

which will be addressed at the January Board of County Commissioners meeting.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. EDC's Advocacy Policy – Review of Draft Matrix (Ron Maloney)**

Kathy provided a brief overview of why an advocacy policy is being discussed and the process that has taken place to date. Minor changes were suggested and a final draft will be presented to the EDC Board this Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Mary Slapp made the motion to approve the changes and it was seconded by Jon Bednerik. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. EDC's Legislative Priorities – Final Review (Kevin Hicks)**

The committee discussed the legislative priorities and recommended changes to generalize some of the language. Mary Slapp made the motion to advance the priorities to the Board for their final approval and it was seconded by Jeff Maulsby. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. OPEN DISCUSSION**

There was nothing to report.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County Business Climate Committee adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the EDC offices.