



DELTONA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

DEDAB Quarterly Report to Deltona City Commission Q1, 2020

DEDAB MISSION STATEMENT

Identify and approach, meet and obtain ideas from each area stakeholder and utilize these ideas toward the proposal for a workable "workforce", the assignment given by the Deltona City Commission.

GENERAL REPORT

DEDAB meets on the second Friday of each month, in the Second Floor Conference Room at Deltona City Hall. The meetings start at 3:30 P.M. and are scheduled to last one hour. Meetings are open to the public, and public participation is encouraged.

The assignment given by the elected City Commission of the City of Deltona were as follows:

"WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT"

The citizen volunteers that comprise the Deltona Economic Development Advisory Board (DEDAB) were scheduled to meet on January 17, February 14, and March 13. Items on the agenda and of primary business were as follows:

January 17, 2020

- This was a work meeting without a guest speaker. Guest speakers from the InBIA (International Business Incubation Association) had been invited but could not be confirmed. DEDAB members voiced frustration at their attempts to fulfill the Workforce Development assignment as it pertains to "incubators". Staff Liaison Mayes and Tomerlin agreed to do field research toward the true potential of an incubator, along the lines for "Share Space".

February 14, 2020

- Staff Liaison Mayes and Tomerlin reported on several "Share Space"/"Co-Work Space" facilities called upon and visited. All seemed to be well occupied, but it was noted that all these types of workplace were heavily subsidized in some form, from free rent to municipal funding. DEDAB determined that the commercial development in Deltona was still two to three years away from supporting such ventures as this and agreed to table this assignment and request another assignment from the Commission, with note to review this assignment in 2021-2022.

March 13, 2020

- DEDAB met with the purpose to begin discussions on how best to assist entrepreneurs and small businesses within the City of Deltona, while City OED Staff concentrates on recruitment. Upon determination, DEDAB will formally request this assignment from the City of Deltona Commission.
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