

AGENDA ~ *Summary*

FORT SMITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS STUDY SESSION

MARCH 23, 2010 ~ 12:00 NOON

**FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM
3201 ROGERS AVENUE**

1. Review project recommendations by the Community Development Advisory Committee for CDBG and HOME Program funding
Presentation by Director of Community Development Matt Jennings and CDAC Chairman Fran Hall. Resolution placed on April 6, 2010 regular meeting agenda.
2. Review board meeting procedures
Presentation by Deputy Administrator Ray Gosack. The Board directed staff to thorough review existing procedures per the Municipal Code, prepare recommended revisions and present such at a future study session. In the meantime, the Board concurred to follow existing procedures.
3. Review preliminary agenda for April 6, 2010 regular meeting

OTHER:

1. Director Goodman, seconded by Maddox, requested a resolution be placed on the April 6, 2010 regular meeting agenda to create and appoint members to a Special Ad Hoc Committee to examine various issues regarding potential funding options and future operation of the convention center.

Director Maddox, seconded by Settle, requested staff prepare an RFP to determine the interest of private operators to run the convention center.

2. Director Maddox requested the City Attorney review and determine local authority, if any, to deal with immigration issues.

Director Hutchings requested a brief explanation of the recent issuance of an alcoholic beverage permit granted by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC) to a Hispanic person convicted of smuggling illegal immigrants into the U.S.

Police Chief Kevin Lindsey noted that the Police Department denied the request; however, the ABC Board approved the permit in spite of the denial.