



Mayor – Sandy Sanders

City Administrator – Ray Gosack

City Clerk – Sherri Gard

#### **Board of Directors**

Ward 1 – Keith D. Lau

Ward 2 – Andre' Good

Ward 3 – Mike Lorenz

Ward 4 – George Catsavis

At Large Position 5 – Pam Weber

At Large Position 6 – Kevin Settle

At Large Position 7 – Philip H. Merry Jr.

## **AGENDA ~ Summary**

**Fort Smith Board of Directors**

**Brainstorming Meeting**

**February 24, 2014 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**River Park Events Building, West Room**

**121 Riverfront Drive**

*~ Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. ~*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

All present (Mayor Sanders presiding)

Brainstorm

#### **Director Lau**

Stated the City should be more business/development friendly with emphasis on greater communication and customer service. Discussion also included providing streamlined applications and checklists on the City website. He recommended a resolution stating the City's commitment to be business friendly be presented for consideration in the near future.

#### **Director Weber**

Recommended a policy that would allow the City to utilize local vendors for purchases, construction contracts, etc. even if the local vendor is not the lowest bidder. Due to Board interest in said policy, Administrator Gosack advised the matter will first be referred to the city attorney to determine its legality.

#### **Director Lau**

Encouraged a set design standard for city-owned facilities constructed in the future.

#### **Director Merry**

In order to encourage development in the downtown area, he urged the creation of City incentives similar to the State of Arkansas Tax Back Program.

#### **Director Settle**

Recommended improvements to the condition and safety of railroad crossings throughout the city.

**ADJOURN**

7:13 p.m.