

MEETING IN THE SUNSHINE MINUTES
April 12, 2006

MEETING OPENED

Orange County Mayor Richard T. Crotty and City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer met with community leaders on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at 11 a.m., at the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission, 301 East Pine Street, Suite 900, Orlando, Florida, to discuss the 2008 Republican National Convention and Democratic National Convention.

The following participants were present:

- Rich Maladecki, Central Florida Hotel Lodging Association
- Bill Peeper, Orlando Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau
- John McReynolds, Universal
- Chris Schmidt, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
- Ray Gilley, Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission (via tele-conference)
- Jose Fernandez, City of Orlando Mayor's Office
- Elizabeth Gianini, Orange County Mayor's Office
- Kathie Canning, Orange County Convention Center

Also present:

- Bob Haren, WDBO
- Asa Dickinson, Fox 35

Mayors Dyer and Crotty welcomed the attendees.

Mayor Crotty reported he formed the Mayor's Republican National Convention Advisory Council which will be meeting soon and making recommendations regarding moving forward to host a Republican convention.

Mayor Dyer reported he has met with the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and received input regarding moving forward to host a Democratic convention.

Ms. Gianini reported on a recent trip to Washington DC to meet with the Republican Site Selection Committee.

Ms. Canning updated the group on the estimated budget line items for construction, telecommunications, production, media, delegate expenses, transportation, hotel, security, legal, insurance, and the host committee. Discussion ensued.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Martha O. Haynie
County Comptroller as Clerk

Deputy Clerk

Senior Minutes Coordinator