

City of Fort Pierce, Florida
Communitywide Council Advisory Board Meeting
September 10, 2014

MINUTES

Chairperson Eric Seibenick called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Eric Seibenick, Edward Cox, Al Maige, Ellen Mancini, Irene Szedlmayer

Members Absent: Leon Porter, excused; Hassie Russ, unexcused

Staff in Attendance: Nick Mimms, Deputy City Manager; Libby Woodruff, Grants Administrator

Visitors: None

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Cox made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 20 meeting; seconded by Al Maige; minutes approved.

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

2. NEW BUSINESS

CWC and Staff Recommendations on Amendments to the 2014-2015 CDBG Action Plan

Mr. Mimms encouraged the CWC to consider the citizen comments made at the August CWC meeting pertaining to activities listed in the 2014-2015 CDBG Action Plan. Ms. Woodruff explained the Action Plan amendment process to the CWC and stated that the recommendations received tonight would be presented to the City Commission on October 6.

After almost an hour of discussion, motion was made by CWC member Irene Szedlmayer; seconded by Ed Cox and approved by the CWC, stating:

The Communitywide Council have thoughtfully considered the public comments made during our August meeting and have revisited the 2014-2015 CDBG Action Plan allocations and is reaffirming our support for the original allocations, as previously approved, and recommends the approval of the original Plan by the City Commission.

They also made the following recommendations:

- \$100,000 previously approved for Code Enforcement in the 2014-2015 Action Plan remain. However, the majority of the funds be used to remediate dilapidated, vacant structures and clear lots. It was further recommended that the City of Fort Pierce hire Fort Pierce based businesses or coordinate with organizations that utilize young people from the targeted census tracts to perform these tasks;
- Amend the Commercial Façade grant program to primarily benefit property owners in targeted census tracts, and remove cash match previously required for grants; and
- Establish a mechanism to incorporate Code Enforcement nuisance abatement hard costs into property taxes of the individual property owner.

Adjournment

Ms. Szedlmayer motioned for the September CWC meeting be adjourned; Al Maige seconded; motioned carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.