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CITY OF FORT PIERCE PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Minutes

OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE CITY PLANNING BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014, IN FORT PIERCE CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burdge called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Eduardo Mujica; Tim O'Connell; Erica Ganzi; Robert Poitier; Eloise Cummings; John George; Marcia Baker; Brian Paul; Bob Burdge, Chairman; Steve Weaver; Mike Dahan

Absent: Phyllis Castro

Staff Present: Sandra Ramseth, AICP, Senior Planner
Kori Benton, Historic Preservation Officer
Clarissa Davis, Planner
Karen Emerson, Assistant City Attorney

Attendees: Officer Cheryl Glenn Reed

4. CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN PRESENTATION (CPTED)

Chairman Burdge stated since the media is not working correctly, the CPTED presentation will be continued at the Planning Board meeting on August 12, 2014. Chairman Burdge introduced Officer Cheryl Glenn Reed.

Officer Glenn Reed stated she is a Crime Prevention Officer and CPTED Practitioner with the Ft. Pierce Police Department. She has been with the Police Department for 26 years and she has been a CPTED Practitioner for approximately 5 years.

Officer Glenn Reed gave an overview of CPTED and presented the four strategies of CPTED: Natural Surveillance, Territorial Reinforcement, Natural Access Control and Target Hardening. She explained that Natural Surveillance is a design concept in keeping intruders easily observed. Territorial Reinforcement is a physical design that can create or extend a sphere of influence, that develops a sense of territorial control. Natural Access Control is a design concept directed primarily at decreasing crime opportunities by denying access to crime targets and creating an offenders perception of risk. Target Hardening strategies are guidelines which homeowners and builders can apply to reduce the fear of incidence of crime and approve the quality of life.

Officer Glenn Reed stated The Technical Review Committee committee sends the site plans to the police department to review the lighting and territorial reinforcement. Ms. Baker asked if the police department also reviews the site plans for landscaping. Officer Glenn Reed responded that landscaping is also reviewed.

Officer Glenn Reed stated there is an area at City Hall that needs to be looked at as far as the CPTED concept is concerned. She would like the Planning Board members to go outside and look at the area and see what needs changing.

Ms. Baker stated the Planning Board members are not allowed to go in a group on a field trip outside of the meeting. Chairman Burdge asked the attorney if the presentation can be moved outside since they are not taking any formal action. Assistant City Attorney Karen Emerson responded that the meeting is to happen in the Commission Chambers. She suggested that since the officer is being invited back to the August meeting that this issue be discussed with Assistant City Attorney, Jim Walker.

Ms. Ganzi asked the location of the area to be reviewed. Assistant City Attorney Karen Emerson suggested using visual photos of the exact location in the PowerPoint presentation being used in August.

Officer Glenn Reed asked that the Planning Board members individually look at the area that sits between the garage and City Hall in the walkway that heads north toward Avenue A and also look at the first floor of the parking garage. Chairman Burdge stated that the board should look for things that might be improved and things that are already there. Officer Glenn Reed stated she wants the Planning Board members to state their observations of what can or cannot be improved at the August 12, 2014 Planning Board meeting.

Mr. O'Connell stated he was privileged to be in the Citizens Police Academy and he highly recommends the class.

Motion was made by Robert Poitier, seconded by Marcia Baker for Officer Glenn Reed to come back to the Planning Board Meeting on August 12, 2014 to continue her presentation on CPTED.

AYE: Eduardo Mujica, Tim O'Connell, Erica Ganzi, Robert Poitier, Eloise Cummings, John George, Marcia Baker, Brian Paul, Chairman Bob Burdge, Steve Weaver, Mike Dahan

Passed

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.