

CRA Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Called to Order: Plythe Gibbons, Chairman

Roll Call By: Ashley King, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

- + For May and June Meeting
- + 1st – Robin Delgado; 2nd – Erica Ganzi

Item 4a – Update on Public Parking Issues

- + Chairperson attended Parking Committee Meeting
- + Discussed issues of the downtown area and the beach
- + Concerns of St. Andrews were addressed
- + Students and teachers will get parking decals to use the parking garage
- + St. Andrews committed to using the parking garage, issuing decals, and meeting with the city on a regular basis concerning compliance issues

Item 4b – Presentation Interviews for Properties

- + 1200 Block of Avenue D – Lincoln Park Council of Ministers
 - o Proposing a Memorial Garden of Prayer and Hope
 - o Idea is for people who have lost loved ones can go, sit, and reflect
 - o Would like the City to give property to the council and they will in turn be responsible for the buildup and maintenance of the property
 - o Group encouraged to speak with FPPD
 - o Memorial Garden will be open to the public 24/7

- + 500 Orange Avenue – Beachside Wellness - Jamie Skuba
 - o Local chiropractor that also practices acupuncture
 - o Has done mission work in Dominican Republic and India
 - o Looking to have an office at the building
 - o Will build out the building with father, Ken Skuba
 - o David Cleveland did the preliminary concept plan
 - o Will follow the Regis Model of design
 - o Will rent out the rest of the office spaces
 - o About 12 offices each wired for video conferencing with class a technology
 - o Not a tax exempt organization
 - o Will have a full-time receptionist on staff
 - o Building is historical, but renovations within guidelines
 - o Will be able to finance without a mortgage
 - o Proposing to purchase for \$10,000

- ✚ 500 Orange Avenue – International Enterprises of Children’s Services – Dieula Lewis
 - Ongoing immigrant integration program of the community
 - Will do service learning and empowerment of the immigrant community through education, advocacy, and social independence
 - Want to expand the program and will add 20 more jobs to the community
 - Currently on 1307 Delaware Avenue with 225 students and growing
 - Seeking funding from PNC bank
 - In collaboration with the Haitian Methodist Church
 - Currently charge for citizenship classes and a one-time, flat-rate nomination fee
 - Also have some grants that they use
 - Looking for teachers to help with the program

- ✚ 500 Orange Avenue – Peacock Galleries LLC, - Steven Tarr
 - Community redevelopment of the west Orange Avenue corridor
 - Plan to build an arts district
 - Neighborhood called Peacock Arts District
 - Want to make it an art gallery for local artists
 - Buy and redevelop with cash if the plan is approved
 - Looking to create jobs for entrepreneurs, maintenance, etc.
 - Proposed \$50,000

Item 5 – New Business

Item 6 – Public Comments

- ✚ Arlease Hall – Memorial Garden
 - Historical value on that corridor and believe it should be considered before doing this
- ✚ Cleaver Hayling – Memorial Garden
 - Avenue D corridor is a place for economic development and should look for some other place else to have the garden
- ✚ David Cleveland – Memorial Garden
 - A memorial garden in Fort Pierce currently memorializes CeeCee Lyles and others
- ✚ Margaret Benton – Memorial Garden
 - Does not believe that Avenue D is the place for the Memorial Garden
- ✚ R. Duke Nelson – Memorial Garden
 - Develop land to return it to the tax rolls in to develop the economic community

Item 7 – Staff Comments

Item 8 – Committee Member Comments

- ✚ Request to replace Faye Owens McCarthy has been sent to the board for their approval, and applications have been coming in for the position
- ✚ Committee to stay on task with the properties and not venture off into unrelated areas
- ✚ Will continue to meet once a month for now

Item 9 – Meeting Adjourned