

**CRA Advisory Committee Meeting
February 17, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order –Plythe Friedman

Roll Call – Plythe Friedman

Approval of Minutes

- ✚ 1st – Pat Murphy
- ✚ 2nd – Mike Brown
- ✚ All in favor, no opposes

Chairperson Comments

Old Business

New Business

Item 6A – Request to Rename Portion of Avenue A to Marina Way

- ✚ Would be everything east leading up to the marina
- ✚ Most likely a dual name where if businesses choose to continue using Avenue A they could
- ✚ Has worked well with A.E. Baccus street
- ✚ Suggestion to put beach after Fort Pierce for better marketing
- ✚ Motion: Endorse the changing of Avenue A to Marina Way – John Hopkins
 - 2nd – Mike Brown
 - All in favor, no opposes

✚ Will be on the agenda for the next FPRA meeting

✚ Public Comment:

- Barry Robertson (Business Owner): Thank you for endorsing the change.

Item 6B - 2015 Annual Progress Report for Steam Locomotive Association #253 –

Terry Richtmeyer

- ✚ Property that association and steam locomotive is currently located on is up for sale
- ✚ Want to relocate to property north of Savannah Avenue
- ✚ Plan is to run the steam locomotive with passenger cars out to lake Okeechobee on K-Line tracks
 - No agreement in place, but it is owned by the FEC and leased only throughout the week with no usage on the weekends
- ✚ Eligible for \$250k grant
- ✚ Could get the train working in 4 – 6 months
- ✚ Would have 3 cars that can hold 40 passengers each
- ✚ City can't help with grant writing for private organizations
- ✚ SBDC does not help with grant writing, but has access to those that can
- ✚ The property being considered has sugar sand and is classified as environmentally sensitive land
- ✚ Other properties suitable for this project are for sale by the FEC

Item 6C – RFP # 2016-013, Sale/ Lease of Surplus Property, 505 N. 7th Street

- ✚ Outline of guidelines for scoring given by Gelencia Carter
- ✚ Only 1 bid for this RFP
- ✚ Normally roles would have to be assigned by team leader
 - Rebecca Grohall team leader
- ✚ Committee must decide the point system and criteria
- ✚ Locality rating is already assigned in the RFP
- ✚ Board originally decided to allow the chosen realtor to negotiate with the Salvation Army
 - RFP was opened independently of realtor bid before realtor awards was in, scored, and ranked
- ✚ RFP was opened with a response
 - Salvation Army did not put in a bid
 - Staff has been contact with Salvation Army concerning the bid
 - Salvation Army still going through changes and could not get the signatures needed in time for the closing of the RFP
- ✚ Bid placed by Joshua Generation School of the Arts
 - Business plan provided without a viable financial plan
 - Not enough information to make a decision
 - Can ask the group for more information to make a decision
 - School wants to lease the building for \$800 a month
 - Draft all of the questions for the group and send to Rebecca Grohall by Feb. 24th, so that information can be provided by the next meeting
 - Information required back from group by March 9th
 - Group will be scheduled to present at the next meeting
 - Motion: To schedule group for next meeting with information being request and required by March 9th. – Mike Brown
 - 2nd – Charlie Frank-Matthews
 - All in favor, no opposes

Item 6D – Update by Fort Pierce Police Department

- ✚ Unable to attend due to scheduled briefing meeting that occurs with federal groups at this time
- ✚ Have purchased 3 segways for the downtown
 - Officers currently being trained on them
- ✚ Did receive ATVs from the South Beach Association
- ✚ Corner of Indian River Drive where the Clerk of Courts is is one of the worst traffic corners, and should have an officer there to direct traffic due to tourist walking and speeding traffic

Public Comments

- ✚ Susie Cassens – Consider having the FPPD come maybe an hour earlier
- ✚ Clyde Preston (Salvation Army) – If there is another opportunity they are still willing to be there
 - Looking to do a jail diversion program for the homeless

Staff Comments

- ✚ CRA Board Member Training
 - Located in Palm Bay

- March 30th
- No cost
- Could be a possibility of bringing them here
- ✚ Robin Delgado submitted her letter of resignation
 - Refer possible applicants to City Clerks Office
 - Can make suggestions of possible skill sets to staff

Adjournement