

CRA Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Called to Order: Plythe Freedman, Chairman

Roll Call By:

✚ Present: Plythe Freedman, John Hopkins, Michael Brown, Charlie Frank-Matthews, Cindy O'Connell, Al Johnson, Hoyt Murphy

✚ Absent: Ashley King

Approval of Minutes

✚ For March 16, 2016

✚ 1st – Charlie Frank-Matthews; 2nd – Pat Murphy

✚ All in favor, no opposes

Chairman Comments

✚ Purpose of the meeting

✚ New recording device that is extra sensitive

Old Business

Item 5a – Presentation by Joshua Generation School of the Arts

✚ Scoring criteria given

✚ Attendees: Lynn Allen, Alicia Hines, Natasha Hines, Lisa Conley

✚ Had “Children of Purpose Christian Academy”

○ From 2003 – 2013

○ Deal w/ at risk kids, ADD, ADHD, and victims of domestic violence

○ Kids put on a pacing program to get them on grade level

✚ Community volunteers will be available to work to cut the cost

○ Had a contractor to look at the property and estimate the cost is lower than \$250,000

○ Have a fund together, but not \$250,000 at this time

✚ Looking to do kids Pre-K through 5th grade

✚ Has spoken to the SLC School Board about Title I status

✚ Church is available to help with the funding, but primarily looking for the help from the community

✚ Will report directly to FLDOE

✚ Have all the credentials to start, they just need a building

✚ Funding will be primarily thru scholarships

✚ Has startup capital available

✚ Have not collaborated with any of the other community partners as of yet in SLC

✚ Appraised value of building is \$200,000

✚ Will not handle this school the way they did the one in WPB to avoid closing the school down

✚ The address listed is only a mailing address

✚ Pay rate will start at \$10/hr once payment starts

- ✚ Employees will be out of SLC
- ✚ Initially looking to lease with a potential to buy and would need a buildout time w/ low cost lease
- ✚ Buildout will be about a year
- ✚ The 7th street building is much larger than the one in WPB
- ✚ The church is a 501.c3, but not Joshua Generation
- ✚ At it's peak the last school had 100+ students
- ✚ If they purchase the building, the depending on how they develop then they may or may not have to pay taxes
- ✚ The purpose of the bid is for the proposer to submit the highest and best price
- ✚ Company is not able to go back and change their proposal after it is submitted
- ✚ There is no option to resubmit an RFP
 - Normally takes about 30 days for another RFP to go through
- ✚ Pat Murphy did not vote due to conflict of interest
- ✚ Ranking is 36
- ✚ Recommendation: Based on the current information, do not accept the bid. – Cindy O'Connell
 - 2nd – Mike Brown
 - All in favor, no opposes
- ✚ Because every RFP is different it is not recommended to put stipulations on RFPs.
- ✚ Property will be turned over to the realtor

Item 5b – Recommendation for Letter of Support for Steam Locomotive Association, Inc. #253

- ✚ Sample letter given
- ✚ Motion: To accept letter of support. – Cindy O'Connell
 - With the signature of the Chairperson. – Charlie Frank-Matthews
 - 2nd – Mike Brown
 - All in favor, no opposes

Item 5c – CRA By-Laws Revision

- ✚ Motion: To approve the revised by-laws. – C. Frank-Matthews
 - 2nd – C. O'Connell

New Business

Item 6a – Review of Orange Avenue Corridor Meeting

- ✚ Meeting to see what the community wanted for the Orange Avenue area from U.S. 1 to the St. Anastasia building
- ✚ Plan to put in brand new street sculptures, replace lamp fixtures, lighting on side streets
- ✚ New lunch restaurant to open soon in this area
- ✚ New business on 6th street
- ✚ Request more police presence in this area
- ✚ Façade grants available for business owners

Item 6b – Presentation of Proposal by Church of God in Christ St. Anastasia School

- ✚ Representing the Florida Eastern Division of Church of God in Christ
- ✚ Have a group of 119 churches
- ✚ Long term lease for regional community outreach center

- ✚ Want to open a trade school in conjunction with the chamber of commerce
- ✚ Focal point is to prevent children from becoming at risk by working with businesses as a trade school to see what qualities they will need for the jobs that are available
- ✚ 2nd stage is an amphitheater
- ✚ CEO - Dr. Jimmy Williams, President of the Florida Eastern District
- ✚ Has been in this community over 40 years
- ✚ St. Anastasia will not be the primary location of worship service, but rather a community center
 - They will host district meetings and things there, but not church service
- ✚ Already fully financed
- ✚ Plans to work with local architects if possible
- ✚ This will be their first facility of this kind
- ✚ Phase 1 – Community Outreach Center and Trade School
 - Looking to work with the SLC Round Table
 - Trade school will start at 9th grade
 - Trade school dictated based upon the needs of the community
 - Needs assessment will be done after acquiring the building so that while building is being setup curriculum can be established
- ✚ EDC (Economic Development Council) is working on a similar program
- ✚ Want to cater to the school-age children, but will reach out to those that are older as well
- ✚ Trade school will have night classes
- ✚ Has not done the financials for the building yet, but is financially ready
- ✚ Motion: City pursue negotiations with the Church of God in Christ. – C. O’Connell
 - 2nd – J. Hopkins
 - With the necessary financials – M. Brown
 - All in favor, no opposes

Item 6c – Recommendation for Acquisition of 9th Street Property

- 2 parcels for the city to purchase
- Parcels 1 and 12 of diagram given
- Community garden adjacent to parcels has about 12 members
- No asking price provided
- Motion: To accept the donation of the property only. – M. Brown
 - 2nd – C. O’Connell
 - All in favor, no opposes

Item 7 – Public Comments

- ✚ Randel Gun
- ✚ Dr. Nixon

Item 8 – Staff Comments

- ✚ Open position on the CRA board
 - Preferably looking for someone with marketing experience
 - Erica Ganzi is back in town, ask if she may be interested

Item 8 – Committee Member Comments

- ✚ Both commission and CRA declared to buy a dozen surplus properties – P. Murphy
 - Update will be given at the next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 4:01pm