

# 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

✚ 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlie Frank-Matthews; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Brown
  - All in favor, no opposes

Item 5c – CRA By-Laws Revision

- ✚ Motion: To approve the revised by-laws. – C. Frank-Matthews
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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
- # 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
  - o 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
  - o Looking to work with the SLC Round Table
  - o Trade school will start at 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - o Trade school dictated based upon the needs of the community
  - o 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
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> – J. Hopkins
  - o With the necessary financials – M. Brown
  - o All in favor, no opposes

Item 6c – Recommendation for Acquisition of 9<sup>th</sup> Street Property

- o 2 parcels for the city to purchase
- o Parcels 1 and 12 of diagram given
- o Community garden adjacent to parcels has about 12 members
- o No asking price provided
- o Motion: To accept the donation of the property only. – M. Brown
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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
  - o Preferrably looking for someone with marketing experience
  - o 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
  - o Update will be given at the next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 4:01pm