

**CRA Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

**Called to Order:** Plythe Freedman, Chairman

**Roll Call By:** Ashley King, Secretary

**Approval of Minutes**

- ✦ For May 18, 2016
- ✦ 1<sup>st</sup> – Charlie Frank-Matthews; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Al Johnson

**Item 4 – Chairperson Comments**

- ✦ Welcome to visitors and new members
- ✦ Purpose of the CRA read
- ✦ Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm – Nutrition World Ribbon Cutting and 5:30 – Bahama Ville opening

**New Business**

**Item 5a – North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Status – Kyle Croce**

- ✦ Presentation on St. Lucie County webpage
- ✦ Partnership between St. Lucie County, the City, and FDOT
- ✦ Project to improve water quality discharges for Indian River Lagoon and Taylor Creek
- ✦ FPUA will improve street lighting, sidewalks, pavement, etc.
- ✦ Construction currently going on
- ✦ Scheduled to complete by February/ March of 2018
- ✦ Was able to use local contractors and workers on project

**Item 5b – Fisherman’s Wharf Presentation – Kyle Croce**

- ✦ Renovation of the docks
- ✦ Money coming from partnership with the County and F.I.N.D
- ✦ Presentation given to Florida Inland Navigation District for designing bulkhead and permeating dredging for the basin
- ✦ Looking to widen boat ramp
- ✦ Flooding in that area is all the way down 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Fisherman’s Wharf area
  - Usually drains within an hour
- ✦ As of right now, no federal dollars have been used for this project
- ✦ One of the reasons for improvements is to see if a ship as large as a passenger ferry can dock there
- ✦ Great opportunity in this community for a hotel
- ✦ New managers of the Bell property
  - It’s either on the market or going on the market, but the price is too high for the city to buy
- ✦ Property owned by Mr. King currently has a group using it

### **Item 5c – Discussion of Parklet**

- ✚ Taking an on-street parking space and turning it into a mini-park for people to sit and enjoy
- ✚ Typically these are temporary in nature and have specific design guidelines
- ✚ Public works is still working with those of the Food Truck Invasion concerning parking on the grass in the area next to the library
- ✚ This may not be the time for this due to lack of parking and excess of the homeless

### **Item 5d – Email for Potential Sale of Fisherman’s Wharf**

- ✚ If accepted than all improvements will come to a halt and will be left up to the individual to complete
- ✚ Letter from John Katsock read
- ✚ Motion: We are working on infrastructure improvements, however we are open to any credible, written offers. – John Hopkins
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Brown
  - All in favor, no oppose.

### **Item 6 – Public Comments**

#### **Item 7 – Staff Comments**

- ✚ Number of new businesses coming to the area
- ✚ Genuine Bio-Fuel company downtown
- ✚ Sailfish open in the old JC Penny/ OPS building
  - In permitting to use the front of the building as a large tap room
- ✚ New bank on the beach
- ✚ Square Grouper about a week away from opening
- ✚ Parking - Working on putting a parking garage on the beach
- ✚ Enforcing 2hr parking downtown
  - Citations are now taken on by the City
- ✚ No real on-street handicap parking
- ✚ Reports show that there is enough parking with the garage and other parking lots to accommodate
- ✚ 2hr parking from 8am – 5pm
- ✚ Working to reduce the amount of homeless activity in the downtown area
- ✚ Public bathrooms being put downtown

#### **Item 8 – Committee Member Comments**

- ✚ Possibly moving Friday Fest back to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – M. Brown
- ✚ Once a year the CRA should do a survey to see what improvements the people of the area are looking for. – C. Frank-Matthews
- ✚ Give incentives to businesses for improving our downtown area. – C. Frank-Matthews
- ✚ Shyanne Helms to come and talk about surveys and results
- ✚ Sunshine Law refresher on upcoming agenda

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:29pm**