

CRA Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Called to Order: Charlie Frank-Matthews, Past Chairman

Roll Call By: Ashley King, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

- ✚ Tabled for next meeting due to lack of a quorum

Chairman Comments – C. Matthews

- ✚ There will be no formal decisions made this meeting

Old Business

Item 5a – Joshua Generation School

- ✚ Dr. Lynn Adams, Natasha Hines, Teresa Conley
- ✚ Previously had Children of Purpose Christian Academy of West Palm Beach
- ✚ Collaborated with Sharron School of Excellence
- ✚ Uses Accelerated Christian Education
- ✚ Graduated 3 students in the first class and 13 graduated in the last class
- ✚ Plans to have a school, after-school program, and summer program
- ✚ Closed because 2 of the federal foundations stopped funding
- ✚ Will target low to no income students with disabilities
- ✚ Have not been able to get into the building to evaluate the cost for renovation, but have contractors available to go in and look at it
- ✚ Main funding will come from McKay Scholarships and Step Up for Students Scholarship
 - Will put in for other funding and grants
- ✚ Asking for time to buildout and boost clential for the first 3 months
 - Looking for the first 3 months free w/ \$800 a month
 - During buildout there can still be an after-school program running
- ✚ Morningside Blvd. is an office space only w/ an adult literacy program
- ✚ Projected about 7 employees as volunteers to begin w/ until everything gets up and going
 - Employees will be from the community
- ✚ \$250k shouldn't be a problem to raise for rehabbing of the building
- ✚ Projecting more than 13 graduates due to the size of the building
- ✚ Looking to do a K-12 school
- ✚ Sharron School of Excellence is located in Broward
- ✚ Will be dealing with behaviorally challenged, academically challenged, and students with records
- ✚ Looking to be a private school to maintain Christian based standards
- ✚ Suggested to try the old Garden City Elementary School

Item 5b – Steam Locomotive Association Letter

- ✚ Staff will ask that the City consider the letter to be sent to the Steam Locomotive Association
 - Board will not vote due to a quorum

Item 5c – Proposed Revisions of CRA By-Laws

- ✚ Revisions read, but not voted on due to lack of quorum
- ✚ Regardless of term start date, the voting will still fall in January
 - By January members will know who has been reappointed

New Business

Item 6a – Review of Orange Avenue Meeting

- ✚ Surveyed the people of the area to see what the people wanted and what they didn't want to see in that area
- ✚ Getting more lighting in that area is something the City is looking into doing

Item 6b – Review of the Letter of Intent by Church of God in Christ

- ✚ Staff to contact group for presentation next meeting
 - Ask group to bring the financial portion of their request

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

- ✚ Staff will do more research on the property

Public Comments

- ✚ Salvation Army
 - brought Bill Turney the philanthropic donor that will donate the money for the rehab of the building
- ✚ Hampton Jackson

Meeting Adjourned at 3:42 pm