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## CITY OF FORT PIERCE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### CRA Advisory Committee Minutes

**OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE CITY CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, **APRIL 19, 2017**, IN FORT PIERCE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Kristina Gibbons; Charlie Frank Matthews; Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Cindi O'Connell; Junette Raymond; Allan Reed; Chair Plythe Freedman

Absent: Michael Brown, Jr.; Al Johnson

Staff Present: Rebecca Grohall, Planning Director  
Alicia Rosenthal, Executive Assistant

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes from the February 15, 2017 meeting

Motion was made by Kristina Gibbons, and seconded by Cindi O'Connell to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2017 meeting.

AYE: Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Cindi O'Connell, Junette Raymond, Allan Reed, Kristina Gibbons, Charlie Frank Matthews, Chair Plythe Freedman

Passed

**4. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**

Chair Freedman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded everyone of the purpose and function of the CRA committee.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Fisherman's Wharf Collaborative City/County Redevelopment Project**

Ms. Grohall gave a presentation of the Fisherman's Wharf redevelopment project and answered questions from the committee regarding hotel location, parking solutions, cost, slowing traffic, landscaping, smart lighting and way finding signage.

8. **ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND SECRETARY**

Mr. Matthews nominated Ms. Raymond for Secretary and Ms. O'Connell for Vice-Chair. Mr. Murphy Jr. nominated Mr. Matthews for Chair.

Motion was made by Charlie Frank Matthews, and seconded by Hoyt Murphy, Jr. to elect June Raymond as secretary.

AYE: Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Cindi O'Connell, Junette Raymond, Allan Reed, Kristina Gibbons, Charlie Frank Matthews, Chair Plythe Freedman

Passed

Motion was made by Charlie Frank Matthews, and seconded by Hoyt Murphy, Jr. to elect Cindi O'Connell as Vice-Chair.

AYE: Charlie Frank Matthews, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Cindi O'Connell, Junette Raymond, Allan Reed, Kristina Gibbons, Chair Plythe Freedman

Passed

Motion was made by Hoyt Murphy, Jr., and seconded by Cindi O'Connell to elect Mr. Matthews as Chair.

AYE: Kristina Gibbons, Charlie Frank Matthews, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Cindi O'Connell, Junette Raymond, Allan Reed, Chair Plythe Freedman

Passed

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Matthews introduced his standing leaders of the community.

Susie Cassens commented on how well the committee is doing.

10. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Grohall stated the closing of 1401 N. 2nd Street, took place on Friday, April 14, 2017 to Radical Cosmetics, a high end cosmetic company, which will bring a number of jobs to the community.

Ms. Grohall provided information on the closing dates for the historic post office building and the Florida Avenue closing.

Mr. Murphy, Jr. gave an update on the Kings Inn property and he asked if the city would demolish the derelict building, since it takes 8 -10 months for a national build to suit company to close on the property. Ms. Grohall stated the city, historically, would not under take the expense of a demolition but the recommendation can be made to the city manager.

Ms. Grohall said she relayed the comments the committee had about the homeless on the waterfront to the city manager and at this time there is no activity being taken about homelessness. Ms. Grohall suggested to meet one on one with Chief Diane Hobleby- Burney to discuss homeless concerns.

Ms. Grohall stated Commercial Facade grants are available for the Orange Avenue and Avenue D corridor.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**