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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, **DECEMBER 20, 2017, IN FORT PIERCE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Gibbons entered the meeting at 2:08 PM.

Present: Cindi O'Connell; Al Johnson; Michael Brown, Jr.; Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Plythe Freedman; Kristina Gibbons; Allan Reed; Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Absent: Junette Raymond

Staff Present: Rebecca Grohall, Planning Director
Vennis Gilmore, Planning Analyst
Officer Maldonado, Fort Pierce Police Department
Alicia Rosenthal, Executive Assistant

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting

Motion was made by Cindi O'Connell, and seconded by Al Johnson to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting.

AYE: Al Johnson, Michael Brown, Jr., Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Plythe Freedman, Kristina Gibbons, Allan Reed, Cindi O'Connell, Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

Chairman Matthews thanked the CRA members for the good work that was done this year and mentioned some of the committee members are up for reappointment in January. Chairman Matthews stated in the new year he would like to take another a bus tour to view the FPRA properties and he would like to have a youth partnership program by inviting kids who are in government classes to come and witness a CRA meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Update from Officer Maldonado

Officer Maldonado stated he is starting to see the homeless snowbirds from New York, Chicago and Michigan by Riverwalk Park. Officer Maldonado said they are planning to put cameras around the Riverwalk Center building and Deputy Chief Amandro is adding more park and walk shifts around downtown and the Riverwalk area. Officer Maldonado said he has identified 20 more homeless people, 15 are local and 5 have migrated here.

The committee discussed the city attorney looking into a constitutional ordinance similar to one in Orlando, loitering enforcement at private buildings and identifying and moving away the homeless camps.

Ms. Grohall stated a number of different cities, who have enacted ordinances trying to quell the activity around homelessness, were challenged and found to be unconstitutional and as of today the city attorney has not found an ordinance that is constitutionally allowable.

Ms. Grohall stated one of the things that will bear the most impact on the homeless activities is when the service agencies get fully up and running with the services they provide.

b. Response to HD King Center Request for Qualifications

Ms. Grohall stated the city received three qualified proposals, and after the review at the January meeting the committee can present a recommendation to the FPRA. Ms. Grohall said in mid-January there will be presentations of the proposals.

c. List of FPRA Property for Proposed Surplus Disposition

Ms. Grohall presented a list of proposed, single family, vacant land properties for surplus disposition. Ms. Grohall stated that some of the properties are on non-conforming lots, meaning that their widths are not up to a current standard. She said once the properties are declared surplus the city would like to talk to adjacent property owners to see if there is an interest in purchasing. Ms. Grohall said the city is taking the item to the FPRA Board for a resolution that would declare the list surplus properties.

The committee discussed investors buying the property and new home buyer programs.

Ms. Grohall stated the city has been talking to a couple of community development organizations that go into low income neighborhoods and build affordable housing.

Motion was made by Michael Brown, Jr., and seconded by Al Johnson to recommend disposition of the property in a fashion that promotes single family home ownership in Fort Pierce.

AYE: Michael Brown, Jr., Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Plythe Freedman, Kristina Gibbons, Allan Reed,
Cindi O'Connell, Al Johnson, Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Grohall asked Chairman Matthews to put together a report from the committee for the FPRA meeting regarding a homeless ordinance.

Ms. Grohall stated reappointment forms are due in January for the four commission appointed positions and she suggested the members touch base with the commissioner that appointed them.

The committee discussed the Albuquerque video, only leasing to non-profits in the parking garage, and the possibility of building out the 4th floor of the parking garage.

9. ADJOURNMENT