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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, **JANUARY 17, 2018, IN FORT PIERCE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Al Johnson; Michael Brown, Jr.

Staff Present: Shyanne Helms, Communications Manager
Vennis Gilmore, Planning Analyst
Officer Maldonado, Fort Pierce Police Department
Alicia Rosenthal, Executive Assistant

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting

Motion was made by Hoyt Murphy, Jr., and seconded by Junette Raymond to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting.

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

Passed

4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

Chairman Matthews stated at the February 16, 2018 FPRA meeting the CRA re-appointments were approved and the expenditure for the roof replacement at Cobb's Landing was approved. Chairman Matthews encouraged the committee to bring new ideas and new relationships to the CRA meetings.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Update from Officer Maldonado**

Officer Maldonado informed the CRA committee that there are more homeless all over the city. Officer Maldonado explained the police are trying to get rid of the homeless camps but if the homeless keep being fed they will not go away. He said the homeless will spread the word to other homeless that Ft. Pierce is a nice place to be.

Mr. Murphy showed pictures of an existing homeless camp with large amounts of rotted food and excess clothing.

The CRA committee discussed the social service agencies only providing a meal to the homeless instead of bags of groceries.

Motion was made by Allan Reed, and seconded by Kristina Gibbons to notify the head of social services in St. Lucie County to police the areas they serve by keeping areas clean and discarding of excess food and clothing.

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

Passed

b. **Review responses for H.D. King Request for Qualifications**

Shyanne Helms explained the proposals are due in March and presentations will be given the week of April 9, 2018. She stated April 18, 2018 the proposals will be ranked and part of the evaluation will be to determine whether the city is going to sell or lease the property. Ms. Helms informed the committee that questions can be asked during the presentations.

The CRA committee discussed having more residential housing in downtown and keeping the design of the development with Fort Pierce's character.

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

Motion was made by Junette Raymond, and seconded by Plythe Freedman to nominate Kristina Gibbons as secretary.

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

Passed

Motion was made by Plythe Freedman, and seconded by Kristina Gibbons to nominate Hoyt Murphy, Jr. as Vice-Chair.

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

Passed

Motion was made by Kristina Gibbons, and seconded by Junette Raymond to nominate Charlie Frank Matthews as Chair.

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

Passed

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen Mancini, Resident, introduced herself and stated she was interested in joining the CRA committee.

Members of the public commented on what they would like to see on the HD King site.

9. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Matthews asked the committee to bring questions to the next meeting regarding the RFQ's for the HD King site.

Chairman Matthews talked about the state doing away with CRA's.

Mr. Murphy thanked Cindi O'Connell for her service on the CRA committee and suggested that good things that have been accomplished by the Fort Pierce CRA. be communicated to the public.

10. ADJOURNMENT