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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, **AUGUST 15, 2018**, 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; Junette Raymond; Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Plythe Freedman; Lillian Jimenez; Allan Reed; Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Absent: Michael Brown, Jr.; Al Johnson

Staff Present: Rebecca Grohall, Planning Director
Mike Reals, Public Works Director
Shyanne Helms, Communications Manager
Jose Maldonado, City of Fort Pierce Police Officer
Vennis Gilmore, Planning Analyst
Alicia Rosenthal, Executive Assistant

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from the May 16, 2018 meeting

Motion was made by Hoyt Murphy, Jr., and seconded by Kristina Gibbons to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2018 meeting.

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

Passed

4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

The chairman introduced the newest CRA member, Lillian Jimenez and Ms. Jimenez told the committee a little bit about herself

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **PAD (Peacock Arts District) Presentation**

Shyanne Helms, Communications Manager, gave a presentation on the Peacock Arts District, outlining the boundaries, beautification, partnerships, economic development, activity generation and the next steps.

b. **Update from Officer Maldonado**

Officer Maldonado gave an update on the homeless situation in Fort Pierce and stated there are twice as many homeless people than last year. When interviewing the homeless, Officer Maldonado said the homeless come to Ft. Pierce because it is warm and they get clothes and food. He explained that part of the problem is that the churches are bringing food to the the parks to feed the homeless.

Discussion ensued from the committee on moving the homeless out of the parks at night and moving the homeless off of private property.

Chairman Matthews suggested that the police department look at the new homeless program in West Palm Beach and Orlando.

Ms. Grohall suggested the committee come to the October 2018 FPRA meeting to discuss the homeless situation.

c. **New Downtown Electric Tram**

Mike Reals gave an overview on the new downtown electric tram the city is planning to purchase. He explained the city should have the tram in 30 - 45 days if they get the approvals needed from the state. Mr. Reals stated the tram is less maintenance than the trolley and it will hold 15 people plus a driver. Mr. Reals said the trolley will be kept for rentals.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Matthews said he would like staff to look into the Don King building on Avenue H and discuss the Lincoln Park strategic plan and homeless talking points for the FPRA meeting at the next CRA meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT