



City of Fort Pierce, Florida
Communitywide Council Advisory Board Meeting
November 8, 2017

MINUTES

Ms. Irene Szedlmayer called the Communitywide Council meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm.

Members Present: Irene Szedlmayer, Edward Cox, Robert Brown, Joe Hayek, Al Maige, Jon Neprud

Members Absent: none

Staff in Attendance: Libby Woodruff, Grants Division Manager

Visitors: There were no visitors at the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM 7-12-17

Motion was made by Ed Cox, seconded by Jon Neprud.

2. DISCUSSION AND SCORING – COMMERCIAL FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION

The Communitywide Council reviewed and discussed one (1) Commercial Façade Grant Award at 1400 Orange Avenue, D&H Auto Sales. Motion was made by Jon Neprud and seconded by Robert Brown to table the application in order to give the applicant an opportunity to amend his application to include additional repairs and improvements that would increase the request to the \$5,000 reimbursement.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION – 2017-2018 PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT GUIDANCE AND APPLICATION

Grants Administration Manager Libby Woodruff announced the HUD contract for funding has been received and it is time to publish the Public Service Grant Opportunity Application. Ms. Woodruff noted that this is a \$50,000 project \$5,000 max per award and outlined the new changes to the grant application.

4. COMMUNITYWIDE COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Woodruff passed around a sheet asking the Committee Members to please make sure their contact, email and mailing addresses were correct. She asked Mr. Maige for his correct City of Fort Pierce mailing address, as mail sent to his listed address has been repeatedly returned to the office.

Mr. Cox requested that at the next meeting they see how the \$477,000 will be spent, excluding the \$50,000 they are discussing. Ms. Woodruff offered to bring it to the next meeting, adding that the allocations for this year are based on the 2016-2020 5-Year Consolidated Plan and all the activities are based on this plan.

Ms. Szedlmayer questioned if they allocated any money to utility work as there are members of the community who are still on septic. Ms. Woodruff added that FPUA should also come up with solutions to help the homeowners. Mr. Maige wondered what happened to the previous committee member who brought up the septic issue. Ms. Szedlmayer recalled that the committee had previously discussed having an FPUA representative to present utility maps, but thought the issue is not this committee's work, but rather to be more informed citizens.

Mr. Neprud asked if Trump's not approving a bunch of block grants for next year would affect this committee. Ms. Woodruff replied she hadn't heard anything, but the City got a 6% decrease this year.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Al Maige to have future meetings at 3pm, and a second by Jon Neprud. Mr. Maige withdrew his motion. Motion was made to adjourn by Al Maige, seconded by Jon Neprud. The time of meeting adjournment was approximately 6:52pm.