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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 16, 2019, 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 2:07 PM.

Present: Allan Reed; Plythe Freedman; Kristina Gibbons; Al Johnson; Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Lillian Jimenez; Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Absent: Michael Brown, Jr.

Staff Present: Vennis Gilmore, Planning Analyst
Alicia Rosenthal, Executive Assistant

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from the December 19, 2018 meeting

Motion was made by Lillian Jimenez, and seconded by Hoyt Murphy, Jr. to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2018 meeting.

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

Passed

4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

Chairman Matthews wished the committee a Happy New Year and he stated that he is still receiving comments on the Kings Inn demolition. Chairman Matthews stated there is an At Large position available on the CRA Committee.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Homeless Initiative 2019 - Update from Louise Hubbard, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council**

Louise Hubbard, Executive Director for the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, provided a handout to the committee showing financial assistance given to specific Fort Pierce zip codes and homeless point in time counts. Ms. Hubbard explained that a family with a child ranks higher for housing benefits and finding housing for the homeless can be difficult due to leasing evictions and rental units not passing inspection.

Dr. Anita Cocoves, Grant Program coordinator consultant for the City of Fort Pierce Police department and Stacy Malinowski, Program Director for Mustard Seed, were in the audience and they both provided additional information on the homeless situation, including calling 211, rental assistance, income limits, Social Security disability, grant opportunities and the number of Baker Acts in St. Lucie County. Ms. Malinowski stated a shelter is needed that has access to transportation and showers. Dr. Cocoves stated that rent is lower in Fort Pierce, compared to any other place on the Treasure Coast.

b. **Aging Properties: 707 N. 7th Street and Lincoln Park Theater**

This item was moved to the next CRA meeting.

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

Motion was made by Al Johnson, and seconded by Hoyt Murphy, Jr. to elect Charlie Frank Matthews as Chair.

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

Passed

Motion was made by Chair Charlie Frank Matthews, and seconded by Allan Reed to elect Hoyt Murphy, Jr. as Vice-Chair.

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

Passed

Motion was made by Allan Reed, and seconded by Hoyt Murphy, Jr. to elect Kristina Gibbons as secretary.

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

Passed

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

9. **STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chairman Matthews asked the committee to bring three questions regarding the homeless to the next meeting. Chairman Matthews said he would like the city to provide some funding for the homeless.

Chairman Matthews asked that the Zora Neale Hurston property be added to next months

discussion of aging properties.

Mr. Murphy asked about affordable housing and density in the CRA district.

10. ADJOURNMENT