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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, **JUNE 19, 2019**, 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; Lillian Jimenez; Al Johnson; Jon Neprud; Chair  
Charlie Frank Matthews

Absent: Kristina Gibbons; Michael Brown, Jr.

Staff Present: Nicholas Mimms, City Manager  
Rebeca Guerra, Interim Planning Director  
Shyanne Helms, Communications and Economic Development Manager  
Vennis Gilmore, Planner  
Alicia Rosenthal, Executive Assistant

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### a. Minutes from the May 23, 2019 meeting

Motion was made by Hoyt Murphy, Jr., and seconded by Jon Neprud to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2019 meeting.

AYE: Jon Neprud, Al Johnson, Lillian Jimenez, Plythe Freedman, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Chair  
Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

#### 4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

Chairman Matthews stated the City Commission approved a developer for the King Site and the Crane property has been sold. Chairman Matthews asked the committee to attend the CRA Open House community meetings in July. Chairman Matthews explained at the FPRA meeting on July 15, 2019 CRA members will speak on the recommendations for the homeless and Fisherman's Wharf and their will be an appointment made to fill the CRA committee at-large vacancy.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Guerra spoke on the plaques for historic buildings and the tax benefits listed in the Historic Designation brochure.

**a. Pan Handling**

This items was tabled.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Tiny Housing**

Mr. Neprud stated he would love to start a pilot program to develop tiny houses for transitional or long term housing for the homeless and veteran population. Mr. Neprud said St. Lucie County has found funding for one tiny house and since they are pre-manufactured the cost should be inexpensive.

Ms. Guerra suggested to start have a meeting with the Planning and Building department to review the zoning and building codes before moving this to the FPRA Board as a recommendation.

**b. Fisherman's Wharf**

Chairman Matthews suggested that the Fisherman's Wharf layout be presented at the October 21, 2019 FPRA meeting since Mr. Neprud will not be able to attend the July FPRA meeting.

Mr. Mimms asked the committee to look at the Fisherman's Wharf property and identify the property as a target and priority for the City of Fort Pierce and the FPRA and subsequently come up with some ideas and recommendations as to what would fit on the property to help the city. Mr. Mimms stated that the land does not have an intended direction or use. Mr. Mimms said at the July 15, 2019 FPRA meeting he would like to ask the FPRA to move froward with the RFP for Fisherman's Wharf.

Committee discussion ensued on dredging the water and ideas such as a fast ferry service, cruise ship, stationery entertainment boat, a 2-story restaurant and a hotel. Mr. Mimms stated the yacht captains, crew, woodworkers, welders and electricians would take advantage of the Fishermans Wharf development.

Ms. Guerra asked that the committee to bring their ideas and visions to the Fishermans Wharf CRA community meeting in July.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Mimms stated he would like all the CRA members to attend the Florida Redevelopment Association conference, and he will look into what he can do to facilitate the education.

Mr. Murphy presented an interesting article he read about blight houses and how the city of Mobile, Alabama handled it.

Ms. Freedman stated she was very excited and pleased with how the FPRA handled the HD King site proposal.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**