



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, **May 20, IN FORT PIERCE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Charlie Frank Matthews; Al Johnson; Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Plythe Freedman; Michael Brown, Jr.; Kristina Gibbons; Curtis Johnson; Jon Neprud

Absent: Lillian Jimenez

Staff Present: Sara Delgado, Administrative Assistant
Shyanne Helms, Communication/Economic Development Manager
Audria Moore-Wells, Special Projects Coordinator

AYE: Al Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Kristina Gibbons, Michael Brown, Jr., Plythe Freedman, Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of minutes from February 19, 2020

Motion was made by Jon Neprud, and seconded by Plythe Freedman

AYE: Jon Neprud, Al Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Kristina Gibbons, Michael Brown, Jr., Plythe Freedman, Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

Chairman Matthews welcomes the Committee Members back and asks that everyone remain focused on CRA business. He requests that they reach out and partner up with organizations and work with businesses that have been strained by the current situation.

AYE: Al Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Kristina Gibbons, Lillian Jimenez, Michael Brown, Jr., Plythe Freedman, Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 1100 Block Avenue D RFP Update

Motion was made by Jon Neprud, and seconded by Al Johnson

Audria Moore-Wells, Special Projects Coordinator speaks about the two Bids that the property at 1100 Block Ave received. The review board chose Lincoln Park Young Professionals. She explained that the proposal they received from Lincoln Park Young Professionals was the best option due to the property remaining in the City's possession so that in the future the Lincoln Theatre might use it for parking once renovation is complete. Lincoln Park Young Professionals received a grant from Allegany Franciscan to help small businesses to grow.

AYE: Jon Neprud, Al Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Kristina Gibbons, Michael Brown, Jr., Plythe Freedman, Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

Motion was made by Jon Neprud, and seconded by Al Johnson

Motion to Rescind the previous motion for the Lincoln Park Young Professionals to use the property adjacent to Lincoln Theatre, 1100 Block of Avenue D. Additional discussion took place.

AYE: Jon Neprud, Al Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Kristina Gibbons, Michael Brown, Jr., Plythe Freedman, Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

b. COVID-19 Economic Recovery

Shyanne Helms, Economic Development Manager, spoke about some concepts regarding Economic Recovery for the businesses. The first concept is to temporarily close 2nd Street on the weekends only to help create additional capacity for the restaurants and businesses located on the block. This will be done every weekend starting Friday through Sunday. The second concept is for businesses located outside the urban areas, FPRA purchased barriers to allow for businesses to expand their capacity out into the parallel parking spaces. 15 businesses have signed up for the parklet program.

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Passed

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Shyanne Helms speaks on the active solicitations for Fisherman's Wharf and Oak Moore's Creek that had been placed on pause due to the pandemic. Fisherman's Wharf is on the agenda for the new FPRA board meeting for the new schedule. It will follow the RFQ/RFP process that had been previously discussed, similar process to the King Landing area.

Ms. Helms requests feedback from the board is needed on the Fourth of July fireworks and because social gatherings are prohibited right now, there are different options to choose from. June 1st is the cut off time to decide if the event should be postponed until Labor Day.

9. ADJOURNMENT