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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, **September 16**, IN FORT PIERCE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Present: Charlie Frank Matthews, Chair; Al Johnson; Michael Brown, Jr.; Kristina Gibbons; Sabrina Taylor; Ellen Mancini

Absent: Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Plythe Freedman; Carolyn Mann-Lurry

Staff Present: Sara Delgado, Administrative Assistant  
Shyanne Helms, Communication/Economic Development Manager

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion was made by Kristina Gibbons, and seconded by Sabrina Taylor**

AYE: Al Johnson, Ellen Mancini, Kristina Gibbons, Michael Brown, Jr., Sabrina Taylor, Chair  
Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

- a. Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2020 Meeting

#### 4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

Chairman Matthews gave his viewpoints on a few things. First, he wants everyone to remain strong in their commitment to be able to have a strong recommendation to the FPRA Board when they meet. Second, that they look at a power program that the board has started and finished, either it being helping a business to open or the rehabilitation of a building, so that the board member may be proud of. Third, the board needs to move the programs to 3 years, 5 years and 10 years. Stay focused on the commitment and the categories need to be finished. Any suggestion from the board is appreciated and never to small.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Concepts for the future utilization of Means Court School

Chairman Matthews began conversation with ideas of different organizations that could be useful to the Means Court School building. Shyanne Harnage brought the committee up to date on the staffs vision with Means Court School. A lot of different ideas have been thrown around as to what could be put in the school. There is a Community meeting on September 25 at 5:30 PM at either the Percy Peek Gymnasium or at the school.

- b. Ideas for 13th / Ave D and 25th Street at the request of Chairman Matthews

Chairman Matthews requested from the board any ideas they might have for properties on 13th Street and 25th Street for the developers who were at the last meeting.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Feedback on purchase/future utilization of 416 and 418 North 9th Street

Shyanne Harnage spoke about 2 vacant properties on North 9th Street, just South of Moore's Creek. These 2 properties are privately owned and the owner would like to sell both properties to the FPRA or the City of Fort Pierce. Shyanne mentioned that these properties are at proximity to the community garden. The board is interested in recommending that the FPRA acquire 416 and 418 North 9th Street, but a determining factor would be if the property at 420 North 9th Street could be acquired as well due to it being adjacent to the community garden. The board made a consensus to move forward.

- b. FPRA Goal: Connectivity between districts at the request of Kristina Gibbons regarding traffic incidents on US 1

Kristina Gibbons spoke about the street West of Mervis. She was in a car accident on that road back in January, and she found out there was a lot of feedback on Facebook about cars going the wrong way on Citrus Avenue, cars running stop signs, the striping being in poor condition and that additional signage was needed. Shyanne Harnage mentioned the newly adopted FPRA Plan does have Connectivity between districts, which will have streetscape improvements. Shyanne said she would speak to Engineering and find out who maintains the road and what the future plans are to improve the streets.

- c. Discuss future utilization of former King's Inn site at 414 Avenue D and determine next steps

Shyanne Harnage spoke on the former Kings Inn site, giving a brief history on how the property was purchased and requesting from the board some ideas on what could be done on the parcel. A motion was made to make a recommendation to the FPRA board to move forward with soliciting an RFP or Bid for the King's Inn property.

**Motion was made by Hoyt Murphy, Jr., and seconded by Al Johnson**

AYE: Al Johnson, Ellen Mancini, Kristina Gibbons, Michael Brown, Jr., Sabrina Taylor, Chair  
Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

- d. Ideas to motivate owners with abandoned property

Chairman Charlie Frank Matthews began conversation on a particular building which was formerly known as the old mental Health Center on Avenue H which is currently owned by Don King. He would like to reach to Mr. King and find out what are his plans with the building. Shyanne Harnage requested from the board members some ideas on how to motivate property owners to fix up or sell these buildings. The board members requested a list of vacant properties on the major corridors in the CRA.

e. Recommendations to FPRA Board at October 27, 2020 Meeting

Under the request of City Manager Nick Mimms, Shyanne explained that all recommendations made to the FPRA should be done in writing so that it may be attached to the Agenda. Kristina Gibbons volunteered to write the recommendations to the FPRA.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**