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CITY OF FORT PIERCE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CRA Advisory Committee Minutes

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 20**, 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; Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Plythe Freedman; Michael Brown, Jr.; Sabrina Taylor; Ellen Mancini; Carolyn Mann-Lurry

Absent: Kristina Gibbons

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hoyt Murphy, Jr., **and seconded by** Michael Brown, Jr.

AYE: Al Johnson, Carolyn Mann-Lurry, Ellen Mancini, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Michael Brown, Jr., Plythe Freedman, Sabrina Taylor, Chair Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

- a. Approval of Minutes from the December 16, 2020 Meeting

4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

Chairman Matthews Viewpoints:

- Thank those who went to the FPRA meeting to support the recommendations that were presented.

The recommendations were well-received by the board, but especially by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson and Commissioner Perona. They were very interested.

- The finance report from the Finance Director was received and the new funds for the CRA District is 1.6 million dollars and that comes from the tax credit.

- He encourages all to go and support the market that is located downtown.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Follow-Up From FPRA Board Meeting

Charlie Frank Matthews started by mentioning that out of the three recommendations, the one that captured the most attention was the play equipment. The CRA Board also got the ok to put the property at 29th and Ave D up for Bid. Shyanne Harnage updated the board on some other presentations, especially the one from the Freebee group, and they will now be moving forward to enter negotiations and identify funding. Shyanne notified the board that the FPRA meetings will now be held monthly instead of quarterly. The meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning on March 9th at 4:30 PM.

b. Discussion on Short Term Goals for Redevelopment

Charlie Frank Matthews opened the conversation, but after some Q&A it was agreed to move this item to February's meeting, so board member Kristina Gibbons may give her input since she brought up the idea of short term goals. Mr. Matthews said they should focus on short term being one year in the CRA boundaries and to focus on US1 to 29th Street and Orange Avenue to Ave Q.

c. FPRA-Owned Surplus Property

Shyanne Harnage shared with the board the surplus property list and the parcels that a developer is interested in and has identified the use of these properties to be single family homes and duplexes. The CRA will serve as the evaluation committee for any bid in terms of the surplus property of the FPRA owned. The FPRA declared surplus on the properties, so the bid process can initiate anytime.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Officers: Secretary, Vice-Chairperson, Chairperson

The roles for the officers were set as:

Secretary: type up the recommendations that will be presented to the FPRA Board or any other memos that need to be prepared.

Chairman: runs the meetings and helps set the agenda.

Vice-Chair: will step in for the chair when needed.

Hoyt Murphy nominated Kristina Gibbons for secretary and Ellen Mancini seconded. The board voted for Kristina Gibbons to be Secretary.

Charlie Frank Matthews nominated Mike Brown Jr. as Vice-Chair, but he declined. Al Johnson then nominated Sabrina Taylor as Vice-Chair, and she accepted. The board voted for Sabrina Taylor to be Vice-Chair.

Hoyt Murphy nominated Charlie Frank Matthews to continue as Chairman and Sabrina Taylor seconded. The board voted Charlie Frank Matthews to continue as Chairman.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee members asked questions about Friday Fest, Kmart Plaza and the financial report the Finance Director presented. It was requested to bring to the next meeting the financial statements for the CRA.

The terms for Carolyn Mann-Lurry and Kristina Gibbons are up, and they need to reapply to be re-appointed.

9. ADJOURNMENT