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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, FEBRUARY 17, 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; Plythe Freedman; Kristina Gibbons; Sabrina Taylor; Ellen Mancini

Absent: Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Michael Brown, Jr.; Carolyn Mann-Lurry

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes from the January 20, 2021 Meeting

Motion was made by Kristina Gibbons, and seconded by Al Johnson

AYE: Al Johnson, Ellen Mancini, Kristina Gibbons, Plythe Freedman, Sabrina Taylor, Chair
Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

Chairman Matthews viewpoints were:

- Continue to be focused on the 3 main corridors and come up with ideas and presentations.
- Thank you to the Committee for having the confidence in voting the new officers.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Short Term Goals

Kristina Gibbons began the conversation about the short term goals and have everyone give their input. The downtown playground area was discussed, as well as artwork for children, unifying the corridor between the Downtown and the Peacock District. They began to share ideas on the locations of the playground equipment and that is when City Manager, Nick Mimms' interjected and suggested having the certified playground safety inspector look at the potential placement of the play equipment. The main focus is safety and accessibility for the public. It was agreed to bring someone from Public Works to discuss the areas to install the play equipment.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Future Utilization of the First Floor of the Sunrise Center

Shyanne Harnage spoke on the retail space on the first floor onf the Sunrise Center, next to the parking garage. It is a 4,000 sqft. space and the concept was to bring the staff from the Riverwalk and make it a visitor center. After exchanging ideas, it was decided to put it out for proposals for private use. The Committee agreed on a mix use retail space. Shyanne suggested making a recommendation to the FPRA Board and to put out an RFP. A motion was made to make a recommendation to the FPRA to put out for Bid the first floor of the Sunrise Center for utilization.

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

AYE: Al Johnson, Ellen Mancini, Kristina Gibbons, Plythe Freedman, Sabrina Taylor, Chair
Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

b. Concepts for Residential Redevelopment

Chad Ingram presented on the Residential Redevelopment Plan. The presentation is attached to the February meeting agenda. A motion was made to recommend to the FPRA board to take into consideration the residential infill development strategy presented by Chad Ingram as it relates to flexible living, incentivizing tax lien mitigation for new construction.

Motion was made by Al Johnson, **and seconded by** Sabrina Taylor

AYE: Al Johnson, Ellen Mancini, Kristina Gibbons, Plythe Freedman, Sabrina Taylor, Chair
Charlie Frank Matthews

Passed

c. 5th Street Improvements

Shyanne provided an update on the 5th Street improvements. She presented the Engineering Plan which is a \$550,000 project, and it is 5th Street from Boston to Delaware Ave. Resurfacing, widening of the sidewalks, lighting, trees and crosswalk will be a part of the improvements. It is currently out for Bid and construction is expected to start in June.

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**