



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, AUGUST 3, 2022, IN FORT PIERCE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Al Johnson; Michael Brown, Jr.; Sabrina Taylor; Carolyn Mann-Lurry; Phil Thompson; Brandon Nobile

Absent: Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Daniel Lee

Staff Present: Miriam Garcia, Redevelopment Specialist
Rebecca Mondono, Deputy City Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes from July 6, 2022, Regular CRA Committee.

Motion was made by Phil Thompson, **and seconded by** Carolyn Mann-Lurry to approve the Minutes from the July 6, 2022, Regular CRA Committee.

AYE: Al Johnson, Brandon Nobile, Carolyn Mann-Lurry, Michael Brown, Jr., Phil Thompson, Sabrina Taylor

Passed

4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

Chairwoman Taylor advised that she will be going to the next FPRA meeting to provide a quarterly update to the Board.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Removed at Staff Request- Orange Ave Corridor Update by Pat Murphy

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Sunshine Law Review

Sarah Hedges, Assistant City Attorney, gave an overview of the Sunshine Law.

Phil Thompson thanked Sarah for the information presented today.

Miriam Garcia, Redevelopment Specialist, questioned if an item can be discussed but not voted on if the meeting does not meet quorum.

Ms. Hedges advised that no item should not be discussed.

- b. Tunnel to Towers

Phil Thompson, gave a brief presentation regarding the Tunnel to Towers program, a foundation that helps by building custom-designed smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. Angel Robertson and Edward Celaya staff from Congressman Mast's office gave an introduction and advised that they came on behalf of the congressman who supports this initiative with Tunnel to Towers. Mr. Celaya stated that there are tens of thousand of veterans in St. Lucie County and thousands of first responders who can benefit from this program. These smart homes will allow first responders and veterans to gain a sense of independence, security, and confidence in daily life overall. Mr. Celaya and Ms. Robertson were in attendance on behalf of Congressman Mast to not only show his support but also to see how they can help with this process. A board member questioned if Tunnel to Towers has identified veteran or first responders in St. Lucie County that will benefit from this initiative. Mr. Thompson explained that the properties have to be identified first, Tunnel to Towers will then make plans for land donation.

They discussed the possibility of having several parcels that are clustered together, but the majority of them are single lots. They will introduce this to the FPRA board for discussion at the next FPRA meeting.

c. FPRA Update

Chairwoman Taylor, stated that she will update the FPRA board on the following items:
-Commercial facade & Interior uplift grant
- Tunnel to Towers Introduction

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Board thanked Ms. Hedges for the Sunshine Law update.

Kevin Freeman, Director of Planning, gave an introduction of himself and advised that he is available to the board for any questions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Taylor adjourned meeting at 3:08 P.M.