



## 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, OCTOBER 2, 2024 - 3:30 P.M., 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; Phil Thompson; Amanda Geller; Ed Becht; Daniel Lee; Brandon Nobile

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

Staff Present: Sara Delgado, Redevelopment Specialist  
Shyanne Harnage, CRA Administrator  
Miriam Garcia, Redevelopment Specialist  
Awilda Colon, Redevelopment Assistant

Attendees: Paul Thomas, Building Director - Vacant Property Discussion  
Shaun Coss, Assistant Building Director - Vacant Property Discussion  
Janey Vanderhorst, Comm. Response Deputy Director - Vacant Property Discussion

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the September 4, 2024 Meeting

**Motion was made by Ed Becht, and seconded by Amanda Geller**

AYE: Al Johnson, Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Daniel Lee, Ed Becht, Phil Thompson  
Passed

#### 4. CHAIRMAN VIEWPOINTS

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continuation of Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Affecting Local Property Values, Crime and Health at the Request of Chairman Thompson

The CRA Advisory Board members held a discussion with staff from both the Building and Code Enforcement departments. They exchanged information to identify the issues and explore the current processes for handling vacant buildings.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Peacock Arts District Mural Program: New Mural located 607 Orange Ave

**Motion was made by Ed Becht, and seconded by Brandon Nobile**

AYE: Al Johnson, Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Daniel Lee, Ed Becht, Phil Thompson  
Passed

Redevelopment Specialist Sara Delgado introduced the new PAD mural, set to be painted by Sitki Dogan on the wall of the Peacock Arts Cafe at 607 Orange Ave. The mural will cost \$12,000. A motion was made and approved to proceed with the mural and the associated costs.

- b. Freebee Discussion on expanding to a fifth vehicle during the season

**Motion was made by Ed Becht, and seconded by Daniel Lee**

AYE: Al Johnson, Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Daniel Lee, Ed Becht, Phil Thompson  
Passed

Redevelopment Specialist Sara Delgado presented the board with the latest Ridership and Demand Analysis figures, highlighting the necessity for a fifth Freebee vehicle. The additional vehicle will reduce wait times and increase ridership. There is a one-time fee of \$1,500 and an additional monthly cost of \$10,833. A motion was made and subsequently approved to add this vehicle to the fleet and additional costs.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Josh Chester - Broker, Caldwell Banker Realty - Vacant Properties

Mr. Josh Chester shared both historical and current insights about the vacant properties in the city. He expressed his willingness to volunteer his time to explore practical solutions to address this issue.

## 8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

## 9. ADJOURNMENT