



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, **NOVEMBER 6, 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: Michael Brown, Jr.; Carolyn Mann-Lurry; Phil Thompson; Amanda Geller; Brandon Nobile

Absent: Al Johnson; Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Ed Becht; Daniel Lee

Staff Present: Sara Delgado, Redevelopment Specialist
Miriam Garcia, Redevelopment Specialist
Awilda Colon, Redevelopment Assistant

Motion was made by Brandon Nobile, **and seconded by** Michael Brown, Jr.

AYE: Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Carolyn Mann-Lurry, Michael Brown, Jr., Phil Thompson

Passed

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the October 2, 2024 Meeting

Motion was made by Michael Brown, Jr., **and seconded by** Brandon Nobile

AYE: Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Carolyn Mann-Lurry, Michael Brown, Jr., Phil Thompson

Passed

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion to Eliminate Front-End Costs for the Filing of Grant Applications at the request of board member Amanda Geller

Board member, Amanda Geller, proposed that the Paint Reimbursement Program be amended as follows:

- Increase reimbursement from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for Residential homes.
- Create a program similar to the exist PAD Mural Program, where payments are made directly to the contractor for Commerical properties.

Motion was made by Amanda Geller, **and seconded by** Brandon Nobile

AYE: Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Carolyn Mann-Lurry, Michael Brown, Jr., Phil Thompson

Passed

- b. Recommendation to FPRA Board for RFQ Award for Manufactured/Modular Home Contractor

Ms. Miriam Garcia, Redevelopment Specialist, presented the RFQ Award for the manufacturing of a modular home contract. Journey C&D Group, Inc. was the only company to submit a RFQ application. The Committee recommended award of RFQ 2024-040 to Journey C&D Group, Inc.

Motion was made by Michael Brown, Jr., **and seconded by** Brandon Nobile

AYE: Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Carolyn Mann-Lurry, Michael Brown, Jr., Phil Thompson

Passed

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Jacques Chester - Broker, Coldwell Banker Realty - Code Enforcement Daily Fees

Mr. Jacques Chester informed the board that many residents are unable to access the financing needed to cover the upfront costs of grants due to liens placed on their properties by Code Enforcement. He explained that some of these liens are a result of minor issues, such as the need for painting, but residents cannot secure funding because of the existing liens. Mr. Chester suggested that the board review the current system to find a solution that would help residents meet the requirements.

Board member Amanda Geller offered to prepare a summary of the current issues and potential solutions to encourage residents to apply for the available programs and grants.

7. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Unsafe Structure Demolition

Chair Thompson shared photos of a hazardous structure that was demolished by the City. He explained that he collaborated closely with the City and Code Enforcement to ensure the proper procedures were followed, and that the property owner was held accountable for all demolition expenses.

b. Wayfinding Update

Sara Delgado, Redevelopment Specialist, provided an update on the Wayfinding program, presenting the new designs for directional signs, downtown signage, district markers, and parking directional signs. Ms. Delgado also noted that the new gateway signs are pending approval from the FDOT.

c. Amendment to CRA Advisory Committee By-Laws

Sara Delgado, Redevelopment Specialist, requested an amendment to the by-laws to move Public Comments to the top of the agenda, immediately following the approval of the minutes. Additionally, she proposed that Public Comments be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per speaker.

Motion was made by Brandon Nobile, and seconded by Michael Brown, Jr.

AYE: Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Carolyn Mann-Lurry, Michael Brown, Jr., Phil Thompson

Passed

d. Tunnels to Towers Foundation

Sara Delgado, Redevelopment Specialist, informed the board that, after researching available properties through the city and county, none are currently available to accommodate a project of this size.

8. ADJOURNMENT