



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 8, 2025 @ 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: Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Phil Thompson; Amanda Geller; Daniel Lee; Brandon Nobile

Absent: Al Johnson; Michael Brown, Jr.; Carolyn Mann-Lurry; Ed Becht

Staff Present: Sara Delgado, Redevelopment Specialist
Jessica Williams, Redevelopment Specialist
Awilda Colon, Redevelopment Assistant

Motion was made by Daniel Lee, and seconded by Amanda Geller

AYE: Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Daniel Lee, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Phil Thompson
Passed

Motion was made to excuse absences.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the minutes from the November 6, 2024 meeting.

Motion was made by Hoyt Murphy, Jr., and seconded by Brandon Nobile

AYE: Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Daniel Lee, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Phil Thompson
Passed

A motion was made by Chair Thompson to approve the minutes with the revised information located under the Staff and Committee Member Comments regarding the demolition of an unsafe structure. Chair Thompson wanted to clarify that the owner paid for the demolition and not the City.

Revised paragraph reads as follows:

Chair Thompson shared photos of a hazardous structure which was demolished at the expense of the owner. 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.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes or less, as directed by the Chairperson. The CRA Advisory Committee will not be able to take any official actions under Comments from the Public. Speakers will address the Chairperson, committee Members, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Approval of the revised By-Laws

Motion was made by Daniel Lee, and seconded by Brandon Nobile

AYE: Amanda Geller, Brandon Nobile, Daniel Lee, Hoyt Murphy, Jr., Phil Thompson
Passed

The Public Comments agenda item was moved to the start of the meeting, following the approval of the minutes. The revised by-laws were then presented to the Committee for review and approval.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Chairperson

The nominees for Chair were Phil Thompson and Amanda Geller.
The vote resulted in 3 in favor of Phil Thompson and 2 in favor of Amanda Geller.

- b. Election of Vice-Chair

The nomination for Vice-Chair was unanimous in favor of Amanda Geller.

- c. Introduction to the Grants Administration Division with upcoming Grant Opportunities by Donella Clarke, Grants Division Manager

Donella Clarke from the Grants Division shared details about several available programs, including financial assistance for first-time homebuyers, a residential rehabilitation program, and small business technical assistance grants. Workshops for these programs will begin in March. She emphasized the importance of spreading awareness about these resources and requested feedback to relay to the federal government in order to increase grant opportunities. This feedback will help identify the demand for grants, potentially leading to increased funding from federal sources. A press release will be issued with information

about all the available programs. In addition, the website will be updated with information about the new programs and workshop dates.

7. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Thompson emphasized the continued need to submit addresses of properties requiring demolition to support ongoing efforts in cleaning up the city.

8. ADJOURNMENT