



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, APRIL 30, 2025 AT 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: Phil Thompson; Amanda Geller; Ed Becht; Donna Benton; Daniel Lee; Patience Landers; Doug Miller

Absent: Hoyt Murphy, Jr.; Brandon Nobile

Staff Present: Shyanne Harnage, Community and Economic Development Director; Willie Colon, Redevelopment Assistant; Sara Delgado, Redevelopment Specialist; Miriam Garcia, Redevelopment Specialist; Jessica Williams, Redevelopment Specialist

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

AYE: Amanda Geller, Daniel Lee, Donna Benton, Doug Miller, Ed Becht, Patience Landers, Phil Thompson

Passed

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the March 26, 2025 Meeting

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

AYE: Amanda Geller, Daniel Lee, Donna Benton, Doug Miller, Ed Becht, Patience Landers, Phil Thompson

Passed

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Annual Open Law Training by the City Attorney

Assistant City Attorney Felicia Holloman conducted the Annual Open Law Training, which covers the Sunshine Law in Florida to protect committee members and the City from legal risks associated with noncompliance, such as violations of transparency requirements, improper communication, and potential litigation.

- b. Review and Feedback: Demolition Grant Program for FY 2026

Chair Thompson reviewed two demolition programs implemented in other cities: the Pinellas Demolition Assistance Grant Program and the Avon Park Demolition Grant Program. The scope, guidelines, and requirements of each program were briefly discussed. The Committee agreed that a budget line item for a demolition program should be included in the FPRA project-based budget for FY26. A program will be developed and presented to the FPRA Board for approval.

7. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Updates from FPRA Staff on Projects

Redevelopment Specialist Jessica Williams provided information on the Lincoln Park Master Plan and Downtown Festival Project (2nd Street - Paving) projects.

8. ADJOURNMENT