

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

NORTHWEST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 7, 2016

E. Pat Larkins Civic Center

6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Whitney Rawls called the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Whitney Rawls – Chair
Daisy Johnson
Shelton Pooler
Carl Forbes
Gail DeAngelis
Jeanette Copeland
Patricia Davis

ABSENT

Jay Ghanem – Vice-Chair
Bridget Jackson

ALSO PRESENT

Nguyen Tran – NW CRA Director
Sarah Benichou – BaCA Director
Andy Cherenfant – MicroLoan
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Clerk

C. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / REORDERING

Horacio Danovich will be first.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 4, 2016

MOTION made by Daisy Johnson to approve January 4, 2016 NW CRA Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Jeanette Copeland. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

2. February 1, 2016

MOTION made by Shelton Pooler to approve February 1, 2016 NW CRA Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Daisy Johnson. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

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E. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Commissioner Ed Phillips, 384 NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach, FL, spoke about wanting to see more African Americans at the events held at BaCA and other CRA events. His suggestion was to get a list of events to the local schools.

Sarahca Peterson, 2051 NW 1st Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL 33060, spoke about the importance of keeping the culture of the Northwest alive through programming.

Delvin King, 2600 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL, spoke about the issues he is having with the CRA. **Whitney Rawls** reminded Mr. King of his earlier position regarding the CRA. In reference to the “No Trespass”, **Whitney Rawls** suggested that it was a police matter and to get a copy of the report.

Sharon Stone-Walker introduced herself as the CCC’s Community Liaison and Business Director. She is a resident of Pompano Beach.

Reverend Marguerite Luster, 602 NW 20th Court, Pompano Beach, FL spoke of her concern that the under privileged black children may not be able to afford to partake in the activities at the Ali and BaCA.

F. PRESENTATION

1. NW 7 Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project

Horacio Danovich gave a PowerPoint presentation on the upcoming sidewalk improvements and answered questions from the public and the committee.

2. Downtown Development

Nguyen Tran gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Downtown Development including the following:

- Innovation District
- Economic Development
- Downtown Districts
- Assemblage
- Drainage
- Connectivity
- Culinary Activities at the E. Pat Larkins
- City/FDOT Interlocal Agreement for for Atlantic Blvd. & Dixie Highway

G. NEW BUSINESS

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None.

H. OLD BUSINESS

CRA Bond Update – The County is trying to include the East CRA in the law suit. The next hearing date will be Thursday, March 10 at 2pm.

H. DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT

Nguyen Tran reported to the group **Dahlia Baker** has been working on dual enrollment with Blanche Eli in reference to aviation training.

I. KEY PROJECTS

1. Downtown Pompano Streetscape Improvements

Horacio Danovich updated the committee on that earlier in the meeting.

2. Bailey Cultural Arts

Sarah Benichou spoke about the following:

- What's Your Story Exhibition
- Lyrics Lab
- Mosaics Introduction Class
- Arthur's Talk
- Art Interlude
- Exhibit - Pop:Vox - Urban influence on the visual voice

Nguyen Tran reported to the Committee on the following items:

3. Ali Cultural Arts Center
4. BLVD Art Lofts
5. 731 MLK Blvd.
6. 737 MLK Blvd.
7. 741 MLK Blvd.
8. Landmark Development
9. 790/800 MLK Blvd.
10. Eta Nu Education

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shelton Pooler – None

Gail DeAngelis – None

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Patricia Davis mentioned she was not aware of the Prince Aderale event that happened recently at the Ali and the Committee would like to have a schedule of Events from the Ali at the monthly meetings.

Jeanette Copeland suggested the Ali and Bailey use the direct mail or insert rack cards into the water bill to advertise upcoming events.

Carl Forbes – None

Daisy Johnson – None

Whitney Rawls - expressed his disappointment about the Downtown Development Presentation not coming to the NW CRA Advisory first before the Economic Development Council meeting. He also asked staff for a contingency plan in case the County wins the court case.

K. NEXT MEETING – Monday, April 4, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at the E. Pat Larkins Center.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:54 p.m.