

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

NORTHWEST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Budget Workshop Meeting

Monday, July 18, 2016

E. Pat Larkins Community Center

6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Carl Forbes called the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Carl Forbes
Bridget Jackson
Gail DeAngelis
Patricia Davis
Daisy Johnson
Bridget Jackson

ABSENT

Whitney Rawls – Chairperson
Jay Ghanem – Vice-Chairperson
Jeanette Copeland
Shelton Pooler

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Lamar Fisher
Commissioner Ed Phillips
Commissioner Barry Moss
Nguyen Tran – NW CRA Director
Adriane Esteban – Program Manager
Shanna Benson – Marketing Manager
Dahlia Baker – CRA Program Manager
Tiara Striggles – Ali Coordinator
Sarah Benichou – BaCA Director
Keila Rodriguez – Marketing
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Project Coordinator

Adriane Esteban and Nguyen Tran gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Budget and the Innovation District. **Adriane Esteban** explained to the Committee the Budget is not brought to the Committee before July because certification of taxable values are not received until late June.

Carl Forbes asked about the job fair participation. **Dahlia Baker** answered that the CRA is working with Turner to train our citizens and 54 job matches were made at the last job fair. **Commissioner Phillips** added there is an in-reach program in the works which will address some of these concerns.

Sarahca Peterson, asked about what is being done about helping people that are getting out of prison. **Dahlia Baker** replied she is working with OIC and the “Ban the Box” initiative to make their re-entrance into the community more successful.

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Shanna Benson gave a PowerPoint outlining the marketing budget.

Carl Forbes asked about the July numbers in the budget report and **Adriane** explained the numbers. **Ms. Johnson** asked what the carry forward amount is and **Adriane** explained they are the funds that have not been encumbered or spent.

Patricia Davis asked about the “Housing and Stabilization” allocated amounts. **Nguyen Tran** explained these funds are for the security ambassador program.

Daisy Johnson asked about the Community Garden and **Adriane Esteban** replied there were still some permits and site plans to do before it can move forward.

Commissioner Phillips pointed out the building on 450 NW 27th Ave should be torn down and wants to see some rehab to the existing vacant houses in the neighborhoods. **Carl Forbes** said in the past, he suggested to keep the building and contractors or businesses could donate services and supplies to refurbish it. **Bridget Jackson** added people have been sleeping on the steps of the building and said the building could be used for some educational purposes.

Patricia Davis asked what the \$300,000 under cultural arts included and **Adriane Esteban** answered four full time and two part time at the facilities along with management from **Sharon McCormick**. **Patricia Davis** remarked that she didn't understand **Ms. McCormick's** role. **Shanna Benson** explained that the Directors oversee their respective buildings and Ms. McCormick oversees the Cultural Arts as a whole. **Patricia Davis** remarked she doesn't see anything cultural coming out of the Ali other than a dance class here and there. **Shanna Benson** said the Ali has only been open for a year and the BaCA has three years' worth of strong programs behind it. **Nguyen Tran** said he thinks the key missing piece is the Rock Road part of the program. Rock Road has been in the building since January but is still in the process of getting their artifacts displayed and cultural events programmed. **Patricia Davis** said the cultural piece is missing but **Nguyen Tran** said he didn't understand what she meant by “cultural”.

Commissioner Phillips gave kudos to both the Ali and the Bailey and the events they have hosted. He mentioned that staff is doing a wonderful job in a short period of time with local talent taking part in the events held during the week. **Patricia Davis'** opinion differed with his. **Mandy Striggles** would love to see more activities dedicated to the youth of the community. **Shanna Benson** pointed out what has happened in the past year with the Ali with different schools and activities and they are well on their way.

I. NEXT MEETING – Monday, September 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Center.

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J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:08 p.m.