

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**NORTHWEST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 2, 2016
E. Pat Larkins Civic Center
6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Whitney Rawls called the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Whitney Rawls – Chairperson
Daisy Johnson
Shelton Pooler
Gail DeAngelis
Jeanette Copeland
Patricia Davis

ABSENT

Jay Ghanem – Vice-Chairperson
Bridget Jackson
Carl Forbes

ALSO PRESENT

Commissioner Ed Phillips
Nguyen Tran – NW CRA Director
Sarah Benichou – BaCA Director
Andy Cherenfant – MicroLoan
Horacio Danovich – CIP Manager
Cherolyn Davis – Interim Ali Director
Tiara Striggles – Ali Coordinator
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Clerk

C. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / REORDERING

Whitney Rawls announced under Key Project number 1 will be NW 7 St. Sidewalk Improvements.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 4, 2016

MOTION made by Jeanette Copeland to approve April 4, 2016 NW CRA Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Gail DeAngelis. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

E. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

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Delvin King, 12th Street, said he can't visit the second, third and fourth floor and would like to be able to visit city hall to do other business. He said the CRA has nasty employees at the office and he wanted the board to know. He asked what should be done next to correct his access to other offices than the CRA office. He also said the sign in Collier City on NW 27th Ave. has not been changed and outdated for upcoming events.

Whitney Rawls suggested as he did the last time Mr. King came before this Committee, to take this forward to the CRA Board or the City Manager because this Advisory Committee is a recommending body.

Hazel Armbrister, 1808 NW 6th Ave., spoke in reference to the Ali Building not being designated as a Historical Designation with the Historical Society. She said she asked the committee to do this nine years ago and the application still has not been submitted. **Nguyen Tran** answered a previous employee of the CRA, **Juan Ayala**, was in charge of the application submittal and now that tasks has been given to **Lorri Hall** who has been working on submitting the application. **Mr. Tran** will get an update from Lorri Hall. **Whitney Rawls** confirmed with **Ms. Armbrister** that the building meets all criteria to be considered as a historical building.

Commissioner Edward Phillips, asked for an attendance roster for the Committee since the beginning of this year. **Cathy Trenkle** will get this information to the Commissioner.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Set Free Coalition

Nguyen Tran reported the CRA has received an unsolicited proposal to construct a single family house on 412 NW 10th Ave which consist of two lots that would be donated by the CRA with a value of \$12,000. It will be a 3-bedroom, 2 bath, 1,400 square foot of living space with a targeted sales price of \$150,863.

Commissioner Ed Phillips asked if this is the same group that has been building a house on 17th Street. This house has been under construction for over a year and asked if there are any time frames on construction from start to finish. **Mr. Tran** answered the time frame is three years in the development agreement. **Whitney Rawls** asked if anyone from Set Free was present to answer any questions and Mr. Tran answered no. **Mr. Tran** offered to have Set Free come before the committee next month to answer any questions before it moves on to the board. **Gail DeAngelis** pointed out the dining room seems to be far from the kitchen and questioned why square footage is wasted on a two-car garage when it should be included in the living square footage.

Jeanette Copeland asked if the developer's background was checked and the answer was yes. A positive reference was given by the City's Office of Housing and Urban Improvement (OHUI) as Set Free Coalition is working on a renovation project.

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MOTION made by Jeanette Copeland to table this item until the next meeting when the developer will be present. Seconded by Gail DeAngelis. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

Whitney Rawls asked for a list of the remaining single family lots owned by the CRA. **Mr. Tran** will get that information to him.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. CRA Bond Update

Nguyen Tran reported no new date for Court has been set as of yet.

H. DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT

Nguyen Tran reported **Adriane Esteban** has been working with several businesses that want to move into the Old Pompano Area. There are two businesses she is working with currently and there will be more news to come. **Mr. Rawls** asked how these spaces are being advertised to the public.

Sharon McCormick announced there is a meeting with real estate convergence where **Shanna Benson** will put together information on these opportunities and this packet will be used as an information packet for informational purposes in the future. **Ms. McCormick** mentioned the Old Towne Untapped Event coming the First Friday of each month.

KEY PROJECTS

1. NW 7 Ave Sidewalk

Horacio Danovich clarified the city did not lose the grant. The design team was asked to find out if this project could move forward or not. There is not sufficient right of way for the project to move forward. Staff will recommend the termination of this project. **Ms. Johnson** asked if the residents will be notified that nothing will be moving forward. **Mr. Danovich** responded letters will be sent out.

Commissioner Phillips commented he is concerned about resending this grant but **Horacio Danovich** explained this is not uncommon because city's usually to do all the expensive comprehensive studies and reports until they find out if the grant is awarded to them. The cost would be phenomenal for a city's to do all the homework ahead of time when they don't even know if they will be awarded the grant. **Horacio Danovich** reminded everyone this was not a CRA project but one of the City's project.

2. Downtown Pompano Streetscape Improvements

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Mr. Danovich also mentioned the Plaza is on schedule to be open to the public after July 4th. He mentioned the Atlantic Boulevard Replacement of Lights Project that will cause some traffic concerns and to be on the lookout for that in the future.

Commissioner Phillips mentioned the Key Projects portion of the meetings should include the MLK Roadways, the Education Corridor and the Cultural/Library Center as well. **Horacio Danovich** said that will be added to the Key Projects section.

Mr. Rawls reported he got a complaint from one of his constituents that some road work is hindering his business. **Mr. Danovich** explained all involved parties were notified by mail and public meetings in advance of the roadwork but many times they do not take note of the upcoming roadwork and complain after the fact.

2. Bailey Cultural Arts

Sarah Benichou spoke about the following:

- First Private Event was a success
- Heart and Soul Event
- Lyrics Lab on May 4th and 8th, 7-11 PM, \$10
- Art Hacks in Printmaking with ISHA, May 7th, 1 – 4 PM, \$12
- Private Event – PNC & Broward Cultural Division Breakfast
- The Conversation Piece, May 20th, 8 – 10 PM, \$10
- Untapped Event

3. Ali Cultural Arts Center

Cherolyn Davis spoke about the following:

- Ali After Hours
- Jazzcats
- Prince Aderere
- Ashanti Dance Classes
- Serenity Dance Classes
- Chat, Create and Chew
- Meeting with Derrick Davis
- Audio Engineering Class

She introduced **Tiara Striggles** who is from Pompano will be the new Ali Facility Coordinator. **Gail DeAngelis** asked **Cherolyn Davis** to send the Committee the past events that have happened recently. **Patricia Davis** mentioned the sign on 27th is not readable as you drive by the sign. **Sharon McCormick** introduced **Keila Rodriguez** that handles the social media marketing for the Cultural Facilities. She was on site at the Keith Sweat Concert handing out flyers to the people at the concert. The After Hours event was the largest event to date at the Ali.

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Cherolyn Davis reported there has been \$21,000 on 10 (5 of which were free to the public) performances and the revenue was \$4,700 in sales.

Sarahca Peterson gave accolades to the marketing department in reference to their social media campaign.

Nguyen Tran reported on the following:

4. BLVD Art Lofts
5. 731 MLK Blvd.

Gail DeAngelis and **Patricia Davis** volunteered to be on the selection committee for the new tenant in the building. **Daisy Johnson** will be the alternate.

6. 737 MLK Blvd.
7. 741 MLK Blvd.
8. Landmark Development

Mr. Tran mentioned we have met with Landmark and let them know we are interested in part the ground floor for a business incubator/co-workspace.

9. Eta Nu Education

The Committee mentioned again they would like to be invited to the Eta Nu Grand Opening.

10. Innovation District

Whitney Rawls asked for an update on the Micro Loan Program and **Mr. Tran** explained the loans are in **the** process of being worked out. **Patricia Davis** asked about the virtual clients and **Mr. Tran** said they are still there and will be notified in advance regarding when to vacate.

Dahlia Baker, CRA Program Director, reported the Job Seeker workshop will move from the BRC to the McNair Center in Collier City. The recent Turner class will graduate on May 25 from 7 – 9:30. She reported her excitement about the upcoming aerospace program that has been collaborated with Blanche Ely. She reported to date she has filled 201 jobs.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gail DeAngelis – mentioned the RaceTrack Gas station is having a grand opening on May 16 and asked everyone to support them.

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Patricia Davis - asked if the Ali or Rock Road will have a mail box. Nguyen Tran will make sure there is a mail box outside for mail delivery.

Jeanette Copeland – had some questions about the incentive program and Mr. Tran will have Adriane Esteban at the next meeting to answer questions.

Daisy Johnson – None

Shelton Pooler – reported the utility boxes with the Tiger covers are being covered with posters and wanted someone to report it to the proper authorities.

Whitney Rawls – None

J. NEXT MEETING – Monday, June 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Center.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:20 p.m.