

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**NORTHWEST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 1, 2016
Ali Cultural Arts Center
6:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Jay Ghanem called the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jay Ghanem – Chair
Daisy Johnson
Shelton Pooler

ABSENT

Whitney Rawls – Chair
Patricia Davis
Bridget Jackson
Carl Forbes
Gail DeAngelis
Jeanette Copeland

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Fisher
Kim Briesemeister – CRA Co-Executive Director
Chris Brown – CRA Co-Executive Director
Nguyen Tran – NW CRA Director
Cherolyn Davis – Ali Coordinator
Grace Gdaniec – BaCA Coordinator
Dahlia Baker – Program Director
Adriane Esteban – Project Manager
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Clerk

C. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / REORDERING

Kim Briesemeister will go first because she has another meeting at 7:00 pm.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was no quorum so the minutes from the January 4, 2016 were tabled until the next meeting.

E. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

None

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F. PRESENTATION

1. Downtown Development

Kim Briesemeister gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Downtown Development including the following:

- Economic Development
- Downtown Districts
- Assemblage
- Drainage
- Connectivity

G. NEW BUSINESS

None.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. CRA Bond Update - None

H. DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT

Dahlia Baker updated the committee on the Job Placement Program with the following:

- Hiring Events
- Workshops
- Community Outreach
- Upcoming Events
- Proposed Workforce Development

I. KEY PROJECTS

1. Downtown Pompano Streetscape Improvements

Horacio Danovich reported projects are complete. He asked everyone to spread the word about a one-way traffic on SW 1st Ave (southbound) due to construction at the Public Library. (off site improvement)

2. Bailey Cultural Arts

Grace Gdarien spoke about the following:

- What's Your Story Exhibition – reception February 18, 2016
- Lyrics Lab

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- Olde Town Untapped
- Arthur's Talk

Ms. Johnson asked that any flyers available could be circulated to the churches.

3. Ali Cultural Arts Center

Cherolyn Davis spoke about the following:

- Gospel Sunday
- Jahlisa Faye
- Shawn Martin
- Rock Road's move in begins today
- Ashanti will be signing the lease soon
- New Classes: ballet, jazz, hip hop dance
- Volunteers

Nguyen Tran reported on the sub-committee revising the Ali Fee Schedule and will provide a copy of the clean schedule before the next meeting.

4. BLVD Art Lofts

Nguyen Tran reported the developer was awarded the tax credit and is moving forward with a pre-DRC meeting with the City for 1/12/16.

5. 731 MLK Blvd.

Nguyen Tran reported Betty's has closed and BoJo's is looking at taking Betty's old space. At the present time the CRA is collecting names and numbers of those who are interested in whatever space opens up after tenants make their moves. A selection committee will be formed to choose the next tenant.

Shelton Pooler gave Cathy the information for All New Creative Kitchen Patio to add them to the list of people interested in the space.

6. 737 MLK Blvd.

Nguyen Tran reported the interior permit is being prepared for submittal.

7. 741 MLK Blvd.

Nguyen Tran reported the property closed in January 2016 and it is now being brought into compliance with the City.

8. Landmark Development

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Nguyen Tran reported the staff is working with P&Z to make site layout and building placement work with code requirements and addressing DRC Comments.

9. Hammondville Gateway

Nguyen Tran there is nothing to report.

10. 790/800 MLK Blvd.

Nguyen Tran reported the demolition is complete.

11. Eta Nu Education

Nguyen Tran stated the facility is under construction. **Daisy Johnson** asked if they have gotten their funds yet and **Mr. Tran** replied he is working on the process of disbursing it now.

Dahlia Baker, CRA Program Director reported on the following: Job Fair on February 10 from 2:00-6:00 pm at Everest University and the Turner School of Construction kickoff on February 29 at 6:00 pm at the E. Pat Larkins Center.

Sara Peterson, 2051 NW 1st Ave, introduced herself to the Committee as a Poet and she explained she was coming to various meetings to get educated about what is happening in Pompano Beach.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

K. NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 7, 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 7:00 p.m.