

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Northwest CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 4, 2019
E. Pat Larkins Civic Center
6:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Whitney Rawls called the meeting of the Northwest CRA Advisory Committee to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Whitney Rawls – Chairman
Phyllis Smith
Jay Ghanem – Vice Chair
Shelton Pooler
Velma Flowers

ABSENT

Veronica Thomas

ALSO PRESENT

Commissioner Perkins
Commissioner McMahan
Nguyen Tran, CRA Director
Horacio Danovich, CIP & Innovation District Director
Kim Vazquez, Project Manager
Dahlia Baker, Workforce Program Director
Marsha Carmichael, Administrator
Danielle Sabbat, Project Coordinator

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING

None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 14, 2019

Motion made by Velma Flowers to approve the minutes from the NWCRA Advisory Committee Meeting of January 14, 2019. Seconded by Jay Ghanem. Motion was approved unanimously.

E. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

None.

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F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Redesign of Annie Adderly Gillis Park

Horacio Danovich, CIP & Innovation District Director introduced Tween Woon from Cartaya and Associates and Sara Rosen from Keith and Associates who provided an update on the redesign of Annie Gillis Park based on input by the Committee from a prior meeting. They spoke about the following in reference to this project:

- Shade trees for seating areas
- The location for the holiday tree display
- Integrate signage
- Flexible space for the public/vendors/food trucks
- The addition of shade coverings
- Intimate gathering areas
- Opening up the space site of line views
- The location for a possible kiosk
- The stage area
- The addition of exercise equipment

David Miller, mentioned walkway pavers in the park and questioned the placement of exercise equipment in the park. **Whitney Rawls** said the Advisory Committee requested the placement of the exercise equipment.

Whitney Rawls thanked the staff for the timely return of this information. He was concerned about the line of sight from the audience space to where the Christmas tree will be located. The committee discussed the egress and ingress of park as well as the lighting, etc. The next step will be to get estimates on everything to make sure it fits in the budget. **Mr. Danovich** will bring that information back to the committee before moving forward. This should happen in the next sixty (60) days.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter of Intent to Purchase two (2) CRA Owned Properties

Nguyen Tran, CRA Director, reported on the item. The cost of the land is approximately \$307,000 and the proposer plans to expand the parking lot for the existing Popeyes and construct an Early Learning Center. He said he will return with a Development Agreement if approved by the CRA Board. **Richard Berrie**, the architect for the project and representative for the developer presented the site plan to the Committee.

Jocelyn Jackson asked what the square footage is and wanted to know the exact location of the property. She expressed concerns that people from the community may

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want to purchase this or any of the CRA owned properties. **Whitney Rawls** explained the process for unsolicited proposals and asked staff if it would be possible to put together a list of properties with zoning information. **Mr. Tran** said information on CRA owned properties is available on the CRA website and he is available to meet if someone is interested in properties.

David Miller suggested staff consider patron parking and the pick-up of the children. **Phyllis Smith** said at the last Collier City Homeowners Association discussion was had on this item but she did not recall mention of an early learning center. She said it was also discussed at the homeowner's meeting to close 2nd Street temporarily for three months on a trial basis. Further discussion ensued regarding the closure of 2nd Street.

Phyllis Smith and **Whitney Rawls** asked the developer to bring this presentation to the Collier City Homeowners Association for their input.

Motion made by Shelton Pooler to approve the acceptance of the proposal and recommend CRA enter into a contract for purchase of the property. Seconded by Jay Ghanem. Motion passed 3-2.

Yay – Ghanem, Pooler, Rawls

Nay – Flowers and Smith

1. Transfer of CRA Owned Lots to City of Pompano Beach

Nguyen Tran reported on this item. Because of the locations of these properties staff recommends transferring these lots to the City for development.

Motion made by Jay Ghanem to approve the transference of the CRA owned lots to the City. Seconded by Shelton Pooler. Motion was approved unanimously.

H. DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

1. GO Bond

Horacio Danovich provided an update on the GO Bond projects. On the February 26 City Commission agenda there will be several contracts for design services of the many projects. After conceptual plans are completed there will be several public input meetings and approvals of the Commission needed before construction may begin. This will be a lengthy process.

Mr. Danovich continued to report: The Ali Building awning project should be approved for permitting in the next week or two. Broward County has already drafted the contract for the light on 27th Ave. After approval of the contract by the County, the light should be installed within sixty (60) days.

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David Miller reported the Community Garden has been ongoing for a year now and he was hired to learn the operations of the garden. A \$30,000 grant was received and facilitated under the Fruitful Field which allowed them to hire interns to work the Community Garden. For two months the Garden has been at the Green Market and around \$600 has been generated. He said he is interested in building an irrigation system and went over some of the events being held in the Garden every Saturday and invited everyone to attend. **Whitney Rawls** thanked **Mr. Miller** for his hard work. **Kim Vazquez**, Project Manager clarified the grant received by Fruitful Field was for an educational program called Grow City Youth and with the funding received allowed for the opportunity for ten (10) youth interns to work at both gardens managed by Fruitful Field.

Dannielle Sabat, Marketing Coordinator provided designs for banners which will feature Pompano Pioneers. There will be a booklet to describe each Pioneer and their investment in the community. **Whitney Rawls** commented he liked the design of the banners.

Kim Vazquez, Project Manager, reported the term of the contract is ending with PSC and a Request For Proposal was issued for ongoing services due March 4, 2019.

I. KEY PROJECTS

Nguyen Tran reported on the following items;

- Innovation District – Mr. Tran reported there is still a search for a broker to oversee this project.
- Kensington Town Home – reported it is still in the permitting process and rezoning for the 11 units.
- City Vista Co-Working Space accepted the Committee's recommendation and staff is negotiating a contract with Digital Grass for services.
- Culinary Kitchen – no updates this week. **Whitney Rawls** asked that Mr. Miller be in the loop with regards to opportunities at the culinary kitchen.
- Patagonia project proposal was accepted by the CRA Board. Mr. Tran prior to taking the development agreement, he wants to wait until the Kensington Project is more complete before moving forward.

Kim Vazquez reported on the following;

- 450 NW 27 Ave - a draft scope is being prepared.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Shelton Pooler – no report

Phyllis Smith – requested the Committee's support when an item comes before them that involves Collier City that has not been viewed by the Homeowner's Association prior to this meeting and a recommendation is made to move it forward the CRA Board.

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Velma Flowers – no report.

Jay Ghanem – thanked Ms. Smith for the great work she does to involve the community.

Whitney Rawls – thanked everyone for coming.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at E. Pat Larkins Civic Center.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.