

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Northwest CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, April 1, 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 6:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Whitney Rawls – Chairman
Phyllis Smith
Jay Ghanem – Vice Chair
Shelton Pooler
Velma Flowers – 6:12
Veronica Thomas – 6:14

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

Commissioner Perkins
Commissioner McMahon
Nguyen Tran, Director
Kim Vazquez, Project Manager
Dahlia Baker, Workforce Program Director
Horacio Danovich, CIP/ Innovation District Director

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING

Horacio Danovich, CIP/Innovation District Director asked to be moved up to the beginning of the agenda to speak on his projects.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 4, 2019

Motion made by Phyllis Smith to approve the minutes from the NWCRA Advisory Committee Meeting of March 4, 2019. Seconded by Shelton Pooler. Motion was approved unanimously.

E. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Vincente Thrower announced he will be objecting to one of the items on the Agenda.

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F. OLD BUSINESS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. 737 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard – Request For Proposals

Kimberly Vazquez, Project Manager, reported on this item. This project is almost complete and is approximately 1,000 sq. ft. It was decided to do a Request for Proposal as to the new occupant. The Request For Proposal (RFP) will be published in approximately thirty days. The property will be for sale, lease or lease with option to own.

Commissioner Perkins was worried about how the word is getting out to the NW residents regarding issuance of the RFP

Michael Hall, Pompano Beach, asked about vertical growth in the area and wanted to get more involved as a citizen. **Mr. Rawls** encouraged **Mr. Hall**. **Mr. Rawls** asked that a NWCRA Committee Member be a part of the selection committee.

2. Status on the Request For Proposal Selection Committee Recommendation for Security Services

Kimberly Vazquez, Project Manager reported on this item. She reviewed the Task/Deliverables in the RFP including the request for personnel to wear body cameras, maintain documentation, be familiar with Northwest properties, among many other duties. The proposals were due in the end of February. Six proposals were received. Those proposals were reviewed and ranked by a selection committee. The selection committee ranking will be presented to the CRA Board at the next meeting. **Mr. Ghanem** asked why one of the Advisory Committee Members was not on the selection committee. **Whitney Rawls** echoed **Mr. Ghanem's** concerns.

Nguyen Tran, Director said this RFP is for innovative community policing which BSO does not provide. **Mr. Tran** is working with the City Attorney's office to empower these security professionals with the capability of issuing citations which would help.

Commissioner Perkins thinks this is a waste of money and BSO should step up and do their job. She said city staff should not be the only persons on a selection committee because they have a disconnect with what the people in the Northwest really want. **Ms. Flowers** agrees with the disconnect between staff and the citizens.

Mr. Pooler thinks that staff should get help with negotiating contracts because so many times we don't get what we pay for. **Ms. Thomas** remarked this service is only happening on MLK. She said they need to be monitoring more than one street.

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H. DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

1. Financial Report – Detail Statement of Activities – February 2019

The Committee will review and bring forth any comments next month.

I. KEY PROJECTS

- Innovation District

Mr. Danovich said he had just returned from a trip to Washington D.C. where he met with the decision makers and came back with very positive feedback. He stated in the former submission for infrastructure grant dollars passed the first and second levels but didn't make it to the third level. He said with a few tweaks on the next submission he feels should be received positively.

Mr. Danovich reported the lights on 27th Avenue will be installed soon but not by the end of May. **Mr. Danovich** reported Phase II was approved and moving forward. Phase III should be out to bid in July.

Commissioner Perkins asked **Horacio Danovich** to push getting a traffic light on 18th Street and MLK Boulevard as well. She asked him to pull the reports of accidents that happened at that intersection. **Mr. Rawls** wants everyone to be proactive and offered to write a letter and/or meet with the county on this issue. **Ms. Thomas** suggested a town meeting. **Ms. Smith** said they have the support of the Collier City Civic Association as well with the installation of a traffic light 18th Street.

Ms. King, a citizen, 124 NW 15th St, is concerned about the crime in the neighborhoods. The police are not coming when called. She is excited about what is happening about beautification but she is more concerned about safety.

Ms. Thomas said everyone is focused on MLK while one street over there is slum. We need a paint-up or clean-up and asked for Commissioner Perkins to help. District Four needs help with clean-up/paint-up. **Mr. Rawls** suggested the churches and the fraternities get involved with helping with this initiative.

- Kensington Town Home

Frank Gotsman, Developer said everything is ready to move forward. It has taken a while to get to this point but everything is coming together.

- City Vista Co-Working Space

Mr. Tran reported in the negotiation of the contract for the co-working space management, the respondent was requesting operations funding of which the CRA

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cannot provide. The funding allocated to the space was to offset capital cost and in conversation with the CRA Attorney, she stated the submittal received and the RFP issued were in conflict and therefore recommended reissuance of the RFP. **Mr. Rawls** was concerned and had a difference of opinion with the CRA Attorney. He doesn't think this needs to go out to RFP again and that terms can be negotiated with the initial submittal. **Mr. Tran** said the submittal received could be perceived as non-responsive as staff did not receive their financials as requested in the RFP.

Motion made by Velma Flowers to move forward with the existing recipient that was chosen and enter into negotiation to work out the details. Seconded by Shelton Pooler. Motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Rawls did not vote on this issue.

Old Town Streetscapes

Horacio Danovich reported it is about sixty days away from beginning.

- Anne Gillis Park

Horacio Danovich reported the budget will have to hit about \$600,000 for the park design. Contractors are in high demand. There is \$150,000 right now. He recommends to set \$600,000 aside and move forward with this project.

Vincente Thrower asked why this park is costing so much and Mr. Danovich answered because of all things involved, lighting, work prices being a premium and all the special items this park will have. **Mr. Thrower** asked about how the homeless will be kept out of the park. **Mr. Thrower** doesn't want to make it comfortable for the homeless. **Mr. Danovich** explained there will not be permanent furniture that the homeless can sleep on.

Mr. Danovich will go back and prioritize each line item and report back to the committee

Motion made by Phyllis Smith to set the budget for \$450,000 to design the Anne Gillis Park. Seconded by Jay Ghanem. Motion was approved unanimously.

- Culinary Kitchen

Dahlia Baker, reported everything is still going strong and the kitchen will be activated April 7. She reported the visit from Dr. Pickle was a great success. He covered everything from the business idea and bringing a business to fruition.

- Patagonia Project

Mr. Tran reported it is in the Development Agreement stage.

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J. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Shelton Pooler – asked if we are doing summer youth jobs. Dahlia Baker will get the information to Mr. Pooler.

Phyllis Smith - announced Collier City had two artists unveiled called “Hands On” and it was received well. She also congratulated to the Women of Purpose, herself, Commissioner Perkins and Dalia Baker.

Velma Flowers said it is so important to have our children educated properly to empower them.

Veronica Thomas – asked for information on the paint-up. **Mr. Tran** said the program is facilitated by the City. **Mr. Tran** said he will provide information as received to the Committee.

Jay Ghanem – announced his ownership of the Pelican Newspaper which will not interfere with his work on this committee. He is relocating the Pelican’s office to another city.

Whitney Rawls – asked the Committee to commit to having a Community Benefit Plan workshop before the next meeting. He asked staff to send out some dates and coordinate with the group for the workshop. He also asked staff to work hard to come to an agreement with the co-working space in City Vista so we can get it going.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, May 6, 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 8:55 p.m.