

Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2015 6:00 PM

The meeting was held on Monday, December 7, 2015 in the Crown Buick /GMC Dealership Training Room, 5237 – 34th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33714.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ray Neri called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

2. Roll Call

Members:

Ray Neri; Steve Cleveland; Gary Grooms; Jorge Mercado; Cheryl DiCicco; James Roberto; Diane Plomatos and **new member** Sean Ingber; **Absent Members:** Dwayne Hawkins

County Staff:

Renea Vincent; Frank Bowman; Rachel Booth, Mary Scott Hardwick and Marcella Faucette

Also present:

Interested citizen: Eric Schlerd

Ms. Rachel Booth served as the moderator of the meeting to keep the meeting moving along in a timely manner.

3. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2015

Upon motion by Mr. Jorge Mercado, seconded by Ms. Cheryl DiCicco and carried, the minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2015 were approved.

4. Old Business

a. Charrette (Community Engagement) Date

The committee members initially chose Thursday, January 28, 2016 as the date to hold the community engagement event. After some additional dialogue, it was concluded that the end of the month, quarter or year is never an ideal time to have this type of community activity especially if there's a desire for participation from the business community. After the review of calendars, the committee chose February 4, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. as the new date and time, with the focus on the business community from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. It was additionally decided that there was no need for the entire committee to stay the entire day; but to possibly sign up for 2-3 hour blocks of time.

The community event will be held at the R'Club located at 4140-49th Street North.

Upon motion by Mr. Jorge Mercado, seconded by Mr. Gary Grooms and carried, the new date and time of February 4, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. was approved

b. Stakeholder Survey Update

Ms. Booth informed the committee that the edits to the survey had been completed and that the link to the draft would be emailed to them by end of the day on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. Ms. Booth requested that the committee members go through the entire online survey to ensure that it was functioning properly and explained that X's could be used to navigate through the survey. She requested that all comments be submitted to her by Friday December 18, 2015 so that it could be sent to Communications for posting by Monday, December 21, 2015.

5. New Business

Workshop DRAFT Objectives 5-7

Ms. Booth explained the next three (3) of the nine (9) proposed objectives of the CRA Plan to be used as discussion points for the community engagement. The committee members were asked to brainstorm some ideas/ strategies / thinking points for her to place on a flipchart. Objectives 5, *Urban Form (Land Use, Zoning & Design)* and Objective 7, *Sense of Place* will need to be revisited. The committee provided the following thinking points for Objective 6 which covered the proposed objective for a Healthy Community (Reduction in Crime, Medical and Fire Incidents):

Objective 6 – Healthy Community (Reduction in Crime, Medical and Fire Incidents): Improvements to the built environment provide an opportunity to engage citizens and renew a sense of pride as a healthy community by implementing self policing techniques, such as “eyes on the street”, and provide an opportunity to impact instances and responsiveness to crime, fire and medical calls within the area.

- Police substations
- Legal restrictions preventing proper response
- Prostitution
- Drugs
- See Click Fix concept for call information (St. Pete)
- Neighborhood Watch (community policing)
- Districting
- Nuisance Abatement Board (CRA)
- Mobile Home Parks
- Lack of fire hydrants (6" needed)
- Grant funded Community Paramedics
- Lack of medical facilities
- Lack of Insurance
- Health Fairs
- Health Services opportunity/grant/CRA funds
- Economic based crime
- Socio (nothing better to do with their time)
- Community strengthening opportunities (Fire/Policing Explorers)
- Engagement/Education
- Neighborhood centers for social/ recreation /education
- Youth programs
- Mentor-sponsorship
- Tampa Bay Rowdies based out of PAL
- Prodigy-Arts/Music/Dance
- Access to food
- Access to programs
- School outside of CRA boundary
- Traveling nurses

6. Additional Business / Public Comments

None

7. Next Meeting Date and Items for the Next Agenda

- December 21, 2015
- Workshop: Next Draft Objectives

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Neri asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jorge Mercado made the motion and Mr. Gary Grooms seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm.