

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Northwest CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, September 9, 2020
Virtual Meeting
1:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Whitney Rawls called the meeting of the Northwest CRA Advisory Committee to order at 1:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Whitney Rawls – Chairman
Shelton Pooler
Velma Flowers
Phyllis Smith – 1:18 p.m.

ABSENT

Jay Ghanem – Vice Chair

ALSO PRESENT

Nguyen Tran, Director
Horacio Danovich, Innovation District/CIP Director
Kim Vazquez, Project Manager
Marsha Carmichael, Administrator
Cassandra LeMasurier, Real Property Manager
Danielle Peruzzi, Project Coordinator

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING

None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 2nd, 2020

Motion made by Shelton Pooler to approve the minutes from the NWCRA Advisory Committee Meeting of Jul 2nd, 2020. Seconded by Velma Flowers. Motion was approved unanimously.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. NWCRA FY 2020-2021 Draft Budget

Kim Vazquez, Project Manager, reviewed the budget with the Committee. The budget will go before the Board for approval on September 15, 2020. A copy of which is attached to these minutes.

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Whitney Rawls asked if the Collier City gateway feature is moving forward. **Nguyen Tran** answered yes, they will move forward this year. **Whitney Rawls** said he wants to see more money for acquisition if possible and let the City pay for more of the expenses for infrastructure. Mr. Rawls asked about BSO moving into the temporary space in the 731 Building. **Nguyen Tran**, CRA Director, will follow-up with BSO regarding the occupancy of the 731 Building.

Motion made by Phyllis Smith to approve the NWCRA FY 20-21 Budget and Strategic Finance Plan. Seconded by Velma Flowers. Motion was approved unanimously.

F. NEW BUSINESS

None.

G. DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT

1. Financial Report – Detail Statement of Activities – July - August 2020

Kim Vazquez reported the only large encumbrance was for \$110,000 for tenant improvements at 44 NE 1st Street which was approved as part of the lease.

H. KEY PROJECTS

1. MLK Boulevard

Horacio Danovich, Innovation District/CIP Director, is coming along nicely. There are no issues and it is safe. Pedestrians are crossing in the middle of the work area although they have been warned as to the safety.

The Phase III resurfacing project is in the permitting process. This is part of the Tiger Trail Grant award and the contractor has pledged to have all six cities worked on at the same time. **Mr. Danovich** expects the construction to begin in February or March of 2021. Phase III will take quite a while to complete.

Nguyen Tran added Commissioner Perkins reported an accident in this area of MLK Boulevard and NW 6th Avenue at the last City Commission meeting. **Mr. Tran** will get with **Mr. Danovich** about the safety issues. **Mr. Danovich** said there were two mailings sent out about the work that would be done on MLK Boulevard. **Mr. Danovich** said we cannot control what the public does in regard to their reckless driving. The accident has yet to be investigated and confirmed. **Ms. Flowers** agreed it is a dangerous intersection and perhaps a turning lane would help or a “no left turn” sign. **Mr. Tran** will look at the traffic reports to see if any other precautions can be made in this area.

2. Innovation District

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Horacio Danovich had nothing new to report. It is still in the review process and probably won't move forward until everyone can meet face to face.

Nguyen Tran, CRA Director, read the memo in reference his Key Project items into the record and it is attached hereto.

3. Kensington (Legacy II) Town Home Development

Nguyen Tran reported the developer has received the building permit to begin construction.

4. City Vista Co-working Facility

Nguyen Tran said that CRA staff has moved in to the City Vista building.

5. Old Town

Horacio Danovich reported the plan is to get this off the ground as soon as possible

6. Annie Adderly Gillis Park

Horacio Danovich will be on the next Board meeting. It will be off limits for the Light Up MLK Celebration this year. Hopefully, it will be up to date and ready for Light Up 2021.

7. Patagonia Project

Nguyen Tran said that the developer has not moved with the development agreement as of yet. He reminded the Committee, Patagonia is situated on MLK Blvd and 7th Avenue.

8. Grisham Properties

Nguyen Tran reminded the Committee the properties are behind City Vista. A solicitation will go out for a mixed-use residential project on this site.

9. Sonata

Mr. Tran stated that the project is still moving forward. They are at the DRC review stage and in discussion about the relocation of the drainage.

GO Bond Updates

Mr. Danovich reported Collier City G.O. Bond initiative will begin soon and will take about six months to complete the undergrounding of utilities. **Mr. Danovich** showed the Committee a rendering of the Club House of the McNair Park. It will be mostly glass

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and bathrooms will be located in the Club House. The Senior Activity Center will have two gazebos, a catering kitchen area, etc. He showed a view from the south side fence where there will be grass and maintain the same level of benches.

Whitney Rawls asked that all Mr. Danovich's reports be placed together on the agenda instead of going back and forth between Mr. Tran and Mr. Danovich. **Mr. Rawls** also asked that a GO Bond update item be added to the meeting agendas.

J. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Phyllis Smith commended **Horacio Danovich** for the streetscape project in Collier City and stated the residents would like for the west end to be done as well. Everyone is very pleased. Kensington is finally getting started and she is excited. She thanked everyone for their patience since she was late.

Velma Flowers congratulated **Ms. Smith** on working to get the streets striped. She asked about the finished designs on Annie Gillis Park. **Mr. Danovich** showed the plan for Annie Gillis Park and explained there will be an area for events where vendors and food trucks can congregate, seating and landscaping. He explained there will also be an area for a butterfly garden. She asked **Mr. Danovich** how long it will take and the answer was 6-8 months. There will be a Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2020 with social distancing and face masks.

Shelton Pooler asked about the lighting in Weaver Park. **Mr. Danovich** said engineering is handling that. He asked are we still going to have E. Pat Larkins Center once the Innovation District gets under construction. **Mr. Tran** responded there are no plans to remove the E. Pat Larkins Center.

Whitney Rawls asked with respect to our property acquisitions is there anything going on in the next year. **Mr. Tran** said yes, he is looking at two to three parcels this year. Discussions are in progress.

Small developers are asking for infill lots and **Mr. Rawls** has been sending them to Mr. Tran. **Mr. Tran** explained there are currently no infill lots available. With respect to lots available on Powerline and 6th Avenue there are challenges with these properties. **Mr. Rawls** asked if Staff would be willing to host a workshop on those and any other properties available. **Mr. Tran** said there can be a meeting where the City and the CRA can go over any properties available. **Mr. Rawls** said he would love to schedule that in the next 45 days. **Cassie LeMasurier**, Real Property Manager, advised the City's infill lots are under the control of OHUI.

In reference to PSC, **Mr. Rawls** remarked he has not seen them lately and asked what's going on. **Mr. Tran** explained they are still maintaining their schedule till 11 pm. **Mr. Rawls** has noticed the homeless population is increasing.

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Mr. Rawls mentioned the limited amount of public input into these virtual meetings. Their voices need to be heard and the advance notice to sign up hinders people from coming forward to speak. He would like to see that changed. He understands the "Audience to Be Heard" session removal from the virtual meeting agenda but he thinks the public should be able to chime in on different agenda items. He asked **Mr. Tran** what we need to do to change this process. Staff explained there is form online that the general public can fill out to speak on the regular agenda items. Those signed up receive instructions the day of the meeting on how to call into the meeting to be heard.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, October 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at E. Pat Larkins Civic Center.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the NWCRA Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.