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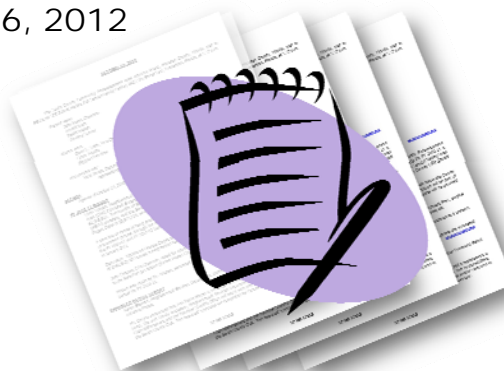
Manatee County Board of Commissioners
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 Manatee, FL 34457

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Adoption of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes
 - December 11, 2012
 - October 16, 2012



DECEMBER 11, 2012

The South County Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board, Manatee County, Florida, met in a WORK SESSION at the South County Branch Library, 6081 26th Street West, Bradenton, Florida, at 5:32 p.m.

Present were:

David L. Smith, Vice-Chairman
David English
Kerry Kacherian
Norm Luppino (entered during meeting)
John Solomon

Absent were:

John Mann, Chairman
Arnold Bush
Timothy Sumey
Earl Wilson

Also present was:

Pati Kopke, Board Records Deputy Clerk,
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

AGENDA

Agenda of December 11, 2012, and sign-in sheet.

[SC20121211DOC001](#)

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Lieutenant William Evers, Manatee County **Sheriff's Office (MSO)**, reported that crime in the South County Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is down ten percent for the year, noting sexual battery and aggravated assault were the only two crimes that realized an increase.

Discussion: West 30 crime statistics from 2011-12; compare to other zones; etc.

[SC20121211DOC002](#)

(Enter Mr. Luppino)

CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Karen Stewart, Neighborhood Services Department, stated the FY 2012-13 Central Economic Development Center, Inc., (CEDC) Services Agreement will be executed. The CEDC is continuing their duties through this interim period including two additional business events, and two resource fairs for local businesses.

Discussion: Contract total; funding source; ways to bring businesses into the CRA; etc.

[SC20121211DOC003](#)

PRIDE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Cheri Coryea, Neighborhood Services Director, stated the two proposals received are in the procurement process.

Discussion: **Advisory Board's input regarding** final recommendations for Community Center; final decision made by the Board of County Commissioners as the CRA; work session; public comment at meeting; procurement rules; South County CRA requested copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) documents, including addendums; etc.

(NOTE: Additional discussion later in the meeting)

[SC20121211DOC004](#)

SOCCKER FIELDS

Ms. Coryea stated the Parks and Recreation Department is ordering goal posts for both the Daughtrey and Rubonia Elementary schools.

[SC20121211DOC004](#)

11TH STREET SIGNS AND PARKING

Ivan Groom, Neighborhood Services Department, displayed a slide regarding parking issues on 11th Street East, and explained initiating a “No Parking” ordinance would be a lengthy and costly process. State Statute enables the MSO to patrol the area at the request of the Public Works Department without having to go through the public hearing process.

Discussion: Breakdown of costs for signs; Public Works has made contact with MSO regarding Statute; no signs necessary for enforcement; etc. [SC20121211DOC005](#)

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Elizabeth Sibell-Field, Manatee County Housing Authority, stated **this year’s event** was successful. **Improvements to next year’s event** include changing the date to August or September, and limiting the number of events due to time constraints. Music will be the main theme of the event.

Mr. Groom addressed the costs involved, including donations.

[SC20121211DOC005](#)

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING LOCATION

Mr. Coryea stated the next meeting is March 19, 2013, at the Harllee Family Center.

[SC20121211DOC006](#)

QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Discussion: Reasoning for changes in meeting schedule; Advisory Board will be notified if there is open discussion on the Community Center; etc.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

Robin DiSabatino, outgoing CRA Chairman, thanked the Advisory Board for their work, and stated she would continue to attend meetings as district representative.

Betsy Benac, incoming CRA Chairman, stated she anticipates working with the Advisory Board.

PRIDE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER (continued)

Discussion: Explanation of the procurement process; Advisory Board members cannot be on the selection committee; expertise of members on selection committee; etc.

Mrs. Benac cited problems Sarasota County had with their procurement process.

[SC20121211DOC004](#)

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 6:17 p.m.
/pk

Minutes Approved: _____

OCTOBER 16, 2012

The South County Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION at South County Branch Library, 6081 26th Street West, Bradenton, Florida, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were:

John Mann, Chairman
David L. Smith, Vice-Chairman
Arnold Bush
Kerry Kacherian
Norm Luppino
John Solomon

Absent were:

David English
Timothy Sumey
Earl Wilson

Also present was:

Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

AGENDA

Agenda of October 16, 2012.

[SC20121016DOC001](#)

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried 6 to 0, to approve the minutes of August 21, 2012.

[SC20121016DOC002](#)

RESIGNATION

Karen Stewart, Neighborhood Services Department, submitted an email from Thomas Denslow tendering his resignation.

Motion was made by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried 6 to 0, to approve Mr. Denslow's resignation.

[SC20121016DOC003](#)

VACANT AND OVERGROWN PROPERTIES

Ivan Groom, Neighborhood Services Department, reviewed a map identifying vacant and/or overgrown properties. A non-profit organization offered to assist homeowners with cleaning up or boarding up their property. Code Enforcement has addresses of approximately 20 properties that are in violation.

Discussion: Code Enforcement procedures; request Code Enforcement to be more proactive; etc.

Cheri Coryea, Neighborhood Services Director, stated the South County Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) has a dedicated Code Enforcement Officer funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Remonia Lewis, resident, requested that mowing overgrown properties be given top priority specifically on 17th Street East, between the 5700 and 5800 block.

Discussion: Rights-of-way cut by road gang; property owners responsible for costs; lien placed against property; five vendors cutting grass, it takes approximately 21 days to process a request to have grass cut; etc.

Robin DiSabatino, CRA Chairman, stated the County is researching www.VacantRegistry.com as a resource for handling vacant properties. The company will process the paperwork necessary to have grass cut, board up properties, etc., for a fee of \$200 per property and will send the County a check for \$100 per property. [SC20121016DOC004](#)

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Lieutenant William Evers, Manatee Sherriff's Office (MSO), reported that crime in the South County CRA is down 10 percent for the year.

Sergeant Eric Isola, MSO, reviewed activity on the 5700 block of 11th Street East.

Discussion: Status of Nuisance Abatement program; guidelines set forth in Ordinance 10-57; drugs and prostitution; amend current ordinance to modify number of incidents to two within a one-year period; suggested language for legislation; etc.

Michael Gallen, CRA Vice-Chairman, suggested reviewing *Florida Statute 796.07* to see if it can be made more rigid.

Discussion: Need for additional deputies; use of informants; etc.

[SC20121016DOC005](#)

CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Alison Hewitt, Central Economic Development Center (CEDC), distributed a list of services the CEDC provides to area businesses including assisting business owners with their website statistics. Information obtained from the Healthy Business Checkup form is used to evaluate the needs of the businesses.

April Childers, CEDC, stated there are more private investors than angel investors, and they are more project based.

Karen Stewart, Neighborhood Services Department, stated a proposed agreement with the CEDC will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in October. [SC20121016DOC006](#)

COMMUNITY CENTER

Ms. Coryea stated there were two responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP); one being the YMCA, which provided a complete proposal, and the second from a company, which only indicated their interest in the project. The Purchasing Department is reviewing the elements submitted compared to what was requested. The YMCA included a Charter High School in its proposal which was not part of the RFP.

Discussion: Charter School is a different use from the original intent; will the YMCA walk away if school is not approved; space constraints; school would take away from the Community Center; lack of support for approving the school; use property as a park if necessary; compatible partnership; need a facility where people/groups can meet; percentage of site allocated to the school vs. Community Center; facility available during non-school hours; etc.

(Note: Further discussion later in the meeting)

[SC20121016DOC007](#)

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Elizabeth Sibell-Field, Manatee County Housing Authority, submitted a flyer and stated there are approximately 40 organizations participating in National Night Out. The Source Ministries Church will provide bus transportation to the different event locations. The Housing Authority is in need of an additional \$250.

Discussion: Mural being painted on fence at Ten Oaks subdivision; security presence at event; \$200 donated by Switch Wireless located in Mid-Town Manatee; etc. [SC20121016DOC008](#)

TAX ADVANTAGES FOR BUSINESSES

Ms. Hewitt distributed information concerning Tax Advantages for Businesses, and requested authorization to make a full presentation at the next regular meeting. [SC20121016DOC009](#)

COMMUNITY CENTER (Continued)

Daniel Judge stated he is a member of the YMCA Board of Directors, and noted the YMCA has been involved in Pride Park for a number of years. For a better understanding of all the elements within the proposal submitted by YMCA, he suggested an emergency meeting between the members of the South County CRA and Sean Allison, YMCA.

Discussion: Request for staff to make a presentation on YMCA proposal; etc. [SC20121016DOC007](#)

11TH STREET EAST

Ms. Lewis requested information regarding "No Parking" signs on 11th Street East, due to parking on the new sidewalks.

Motion was made by Mr. Luppino to support a request to the County to pass an ordinance for no parking on the sidewalks on 11th Street East from, 57th to 61st Avenue East. Motion was seconded by Ms. Kacherian and carried 6 to 0.

Ms. Coryea stated she would contact Public Works to discuss if further steps are required for the installation of the "No Parking" signs.

Mr. Judge and Ms. Lewis expressed concern regarding illegal activities on 11th Street East.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be December 11th, at the South County Branch Library.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 7:04 p.m.
/vt/vj

Minutes Approved: _____

Sign In Sheet

Purpose South County, CRA

Date 3-19-13

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