

Brevard County Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Brevard County Government Center, Space Coast Room, Building C, Viera, FL 32940 Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, at 10:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

Board Chair: Art Edwards

Members Present: Art Edwards, Yvonne Minus, Vinnie Richardson, Jeri Blanco, Tony Sasso, Luella King and LaTonya Hubbard

Members Absent: Brenda Fox

County Staff Present: Linda Graham, Charles (Ed) Wright, Lesley Singleton, LaShonda Jackson, Melissa Brandt, Alan Woolwich, Cassandra Green, Stephanie Reynolds, Natasha Jones, Maria Del Riesgo, Lee Vang and Ian Golden

Guest/Citizen: None

SUMMARY: Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Art Edwards

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Pledge of allegiance and moment of silence led by Art Edwards

Meeting Minutes: None, no Quorum

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Service Notebook/ Process Review: Ian Golden and Stephanie Reynolds discussed with the Board the changes that were made to the RFP Process.

TPO Update: Alan stated there has been Transit stops improvements in low-income areas. Alan also mentioned the TPO has local, county and state projects they are currently working on.



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Public Service Project Updates: Lesley gave an update on the CDBG Public Service-CV program that has ended on February 29th for contracted services. She stated the majority of the agencies did provide services and expended all funds with the exception of 3 agencies.

CDBG Construction Project Updates: Charles (Ed) Wright provided an update on all current construction projects and provided the Citizen's Advisory Committee a CDBG Project Status List Report for the month ending March 2024.

<u>The Sharpes Greenway Design</u>: Provide access path for children and parents to Bernice Jackson Park from North Railroad Avenue cul-de-sac, the Community center and avoid US Hwy 1. Provide lights along the path.

Update: Contractor applying for permit.

<u>The Sharpes Sidewalk Design:</u> Construct sidewalk along Canaveral Groves Blvd. from Morris Avenue to the railroad tracks. Provide access path for children and parents along the main road.

Update: Ed requested the engineer proceed with right of way permit and notified him of concerns about large trucks driving over sidewalk.

<u>ADA Bus Stops</u>: Waiting to get approval from the Departments responsible for doing the maintenance. We are also waiting on SCAT to prioritize bus stop within strategy areas.

Demolition: Demolition projects throughout county to assist with slum and blight reduction.

Update: Met with Planning and Development to create a system to facilitate confirmation of Special Magistrate Orders. Requested confirmation of existing Magistrate Orders. Working on revising CDBG Demolition Policy.

Neighborhood Proposals: Ed stated that we will need someone to take over the maintenance of the capital improvement projects. We will need to stay away from lighting projects. If the public requests lights, they will have to apply for the lights, and it has to meet the criteria for Public Works, and they will install if it's approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None



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NEW BUSINESS:

Election Of Officers: Tony Sasso suggested that all officers remain in their current positions. All Committee members agreed. We will revisit for an official vote when a quorum is present.

CDBG Bus Tour: Linda encouraged Board members to attend the Bus Tour on April 16, 2024.

2nd Annual Affordable Housing Summit: Linda stated we will be having our 2nd Annual Affordable Housing Summit on May 31, 2024, at the Space Coast Convention Center on Tucker Lane in Cocoa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ian Golden stated the Opioid RFP has finished negotiations. They are moving to contract with the agency that will be doing media marketing.

Latonya Hubbard shared information about a new program called Operation New Hope that assist men and women who are coming out of the prison/jail system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 10:00 AM., Walter Butler Community Center, 4201 North Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32927

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm

Board Chair/ Date _____



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