

**REGULAR MEETING
MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOARD
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Area Board was held Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Daytona Beach City Hall, 301 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida. The following people were present:

Board Members Present

Ms. Kenya Ford, Chair
Mr. Tony Barhoo
Mr. Danny Fuqua

Board Members Absent

Mr. Martin Tooley
Mr. Steven Miller
Mr. Oliver Ross

Staff Members Present

Mr. Reed Berger, Redevelopment Director
Mr. Charles Bryant, Redevelopment Project Manager
Mr. Ben Gross, Deputy City Attorney
Ms. Becky Groom, Board Secretary

1. Call to Order

Ms. Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Ford stated there was not a quorum of members in attendance so no action could be taken on agenda items.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called and attendance was noted as stated above.

3. Invocation

Mr. Fuqua gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mr. Barhoo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Minutes for August 9, 2016

No action was taken on this item due to the lack of a quorum.

6. **Staff Report**

Police Department

Capt. Young presented the Compstat report which was included as part of the packet. Capt. Young stated there had been a 5% decrease in total burglaries but there had been an increase in larcenies. Capt. Young stated the major problem within the City was the WalMart on Beville Road. He stated there had been a decrease by 12% in aggravated assaults but overall there had been an increase in Part 1 Crimes. He stated the Fire Marshal was investigating an arson at 153 Jefferson Street. Capt. Young stated there was an incident at Joe Harris Park that was being investigated since someone gained access through the gates which were locked. Capt. Young encouraged people to let the Police Department know when they would be out of town so the Police Department could provide extra patrol to their address.

Mr. Barhoo asked if there was a pattern with the car burglaries.

Capt. Young stated it had been difficult to determine a pattern.

Ms. Ford asked if Walmart had considered employing off-duty patrol officers due to the number of shoplifting instances at their store.

Capt. Young stated the store only employs off-duty patrol officers during special events.

Ms. Ford asked who had the keys to the gate at Joe Harris Park.

Capt. Young stated Bethune-Cookman and Cultural Services from the City had the only keys for the gate.

Ms. Ford asked that Capt. Young share the Board's congratulations to Chief Chitwood in being elected as Sheriff.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Bryant presented the Code Enforcement Report which was included as part of the packet. Mr. Bryant stated a number of properties had turned into homeless camps. Mr. Bryant stated the property owners had been notified and the camps had been removed.

Ms. Ford stated the City Commission recently approved the hiring of two additional Code Enforcement Officers.

Mr. Bryant stated the positions would be filled during the next budget year which will be effective October 1, 2016.

7. **Action Item: DEV2016-002 – Rezoning to Planned Development-General (PD-G)**

Ms. Ford stated no action would be taken on this item due to the lack of a quorum. Ms. Ford stated a Special Meeting would be scheduled to present this item.

8. Redevelopment Project Updates

Mr. Bryant stated the last Midtown Motown event would be September 24 at Cypress Park.

Mr. Bryant stated he is working on several upcoming events, which included Light Up Midtown and the Health Fair which would be held on December 10, and the Senior Prom, which would be held on September 16.

Mr. Bryant noted the passing of Daisy Hamilton Williams who worked in the Volusia County School system for over 30 years and was very active in the community. Mr. Bryant noted that Ms. Williams was the sister of former Board member Patricia Heard.

Mr. Berger provided the Board with copies of the new signed and executed Midtown Lofts Redevelopment Agreement. He stated the Midtown Redevelopment Board would be presented the site plan for the project for review.

Mr. Berger stated the City Commission excluded all CRA money from the Midtown Lofts Agreement so that funding that totaled approximately \$613,000 would possibly be used for streetscape work along Martin Luther King and International Speedway Blvds.

Mr. Fuqua asked about the light poles along Orange Avenue. He stated there was a safety issue and understood that since the poles were in place, a feeder needed to be run to activate the lights.

Mr. Bryant stated the concerns had been presented to the City Manager but he was not aware of a solution.

Mr. Bryant stated he wanted Becky Groom to know prayers were with her during the difficult time she had endured with her husband being in the hospital.

9. Public Comments

Capt. Gregory Elder, Bethune-Cookman University, introduced himself to the Board and stated he was the new Chief of Campus Safety for Bethune-Cookman.

Trey Williams and James Butler, students at Bethune-Cookman University, stated they were coordinating a fitness program to be held in conjunction with National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month. The event would be held September 26 to September 28 and was free to the community. Mr. Williams stated a street clean-up would be held on September 17 from 10:00 a.m. to noon along Fairview and MLK to the beachside. Mr. Williams stated the Ovarian Cancer Walk would also be held on September 17.

Mr. Fuqua encouraged Mr. Williams and Mr. Butler to share information with the Board on events they are holding throughout Midtown and contact Mr. Bryant to see if they could assist with events he was working on.

10. **Board Comments**

Mr. Barhoo stated it was good to be home from his trip to India.

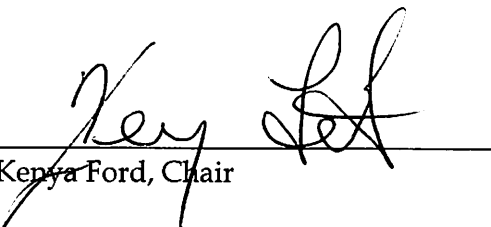
Mr. Fuqua stated he was excited about the Midtown Lofts project and was looking forward to new development in Midtown.

Ms. Ford thanked staff for the work they do and for the support they provide the Board.

Ms. Ford thanked the Bethune-Cookman students for attending and for sharing their planned projects with the Board.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



Kenya Ford, Chair



Becky Groom, Board Secretary