

**REGULAR MEETING  
MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BOARD  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Board was held Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in 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. Danny Fuqua, Vice Chair  
Mr. John Baldwin  
Mr. Pierre Louis  
Mr. Oliver Ross

**Board Members Absent**

Mr. Tony Barhoo (Planning Board appointee)  
Mr. Steven Miller

**Staff Members Present**

Mr. Reed Berger, Redevelopment Director  
Mr. Charles Bryant, Redevelopment Project Manager  
Mr. Arthur Huggins, Assistant City Attorney  
Ms. Becky Groom, Board Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Ford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**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. Louis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. Approval of Minutes for Meeting of March 14, 2017**

A motion was made by Mr. Louis, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2017, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Staff Report**

**Police Department**

Lt. James Chirco presented the Compstat report which was included as part of the packet. Lt. Chirco stated the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run would be held at the Daytona International Speedway on April 22. Lt. Chirco stated on April 29 at the Dickerson Center, the Daytona 100 would be held for children of the community. Lt. Chirco stated 27 bicycles had already been donated for children in need. Lt. Chirco stated the violent crime initiative would start on April 16. Lt. Chirco stated the officers were re-engaging with the community which had helped reduce crime.

Mr. Ross thanked the Police Department for the work they were doing in the community.

Mr. Louis stated he was impressed with the involvement of the officers at the neighborhood centers.

Mr. Fuqua asked if there was better communication between the Sheriff's Department and the City since Chief Chitwood was now Sheriff.

Lt. Chirco stated the relationship had definitely improved and the departments had worked several operations together.

Mr. Baldwin asked if additional bicycles were needed for the event on April 29.

Lt. Chirco stated there was always a need and asked that individuals contact either Lt. James Brodick or Lt. Chirco.

Ms. Ford stated the city had to get back to providing youth camps or some other activities for the youth in the community. She stated that was the only way the crime would be eliminated.

**Code Enforcement**

Jerome McCoy, Neighborhood Services Officer, presented the Code Enforcement report which was included as part of the packet.

Mr. McCoy stated he had talked with the owner of the property at 240 DeSoto. Mr. McCoy stated the owner planned to rehab the building and noted that the owner was scheduled to appear at the Code Enforcement Board meeting on April 13. Mr. McCoy stated the owner would advise the Board of his plans on Thursday at the meeting.

Mr. McCoy stated there was an apartment building at 859 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune that needed a lot of work. Mr. McCoy stated the building was occupied. Mr. McCoy stated the owner lived in California so it would be a while before progress was made.

Mr. Ross asked how much time would be allowed for the owner to fix the property.

Mr. McCoy stated the property was scheduled to be presented to the Code Enforcement Board.

Mr. Bryant stated once a property was taken to the Code Enforcement Board, if the property was found in non-compliance, the owner would be given 30 days to make repairs. Mr. Bryant stated if no work was done, a fine could then be imposed and a lien could be placed on the property. Mr. Bryant

stated the Special Magistrate could release the lien if the repairs were made. Mr. Bryant stated if a property was determined unsafe, it could be condemned.

## 7. **Redevelopment Project Updates**

Mr. Bryant presented a report that was included as part of the packet regarding Mary McLeod Bethune and Orange Avenue.

Mr. Bryant stated he had been working with the Police Department on the Daytona 100 event.

Mr. Bryant stated as part of the Florida Health Department and the Midtown Beat the Heat committee, a tree grant was received that would be used to plant trees for shade in the area. Mr. Bryant stated Mr. Baldwin had worked to develop a community garden with Bethune-Cookman University.

Mr. Bryant stated the Midtown Motown Series would be held on the second Saturday of each month at Cypress Park.

Mr. Ross stated the fences along Orange Avenue looked good. Mr. Ross asked if the old lights would remain on Orange Avenue or if all would be replaced.

Mr. Bryant stated he would find out the answer to that question and let Mr. Ross know.

Mr. Louis stated he was glad to see the Midtown Motown concerts return this summer. He stated he was pleased to see the decorative fences along Orange Avenue. Mr. Louis asked if the garden at Bethune-Cookman was only for Bethune-Cookman and asked if this replaced the community garden that was previously at Bonner.

Mr. Fuqua thanked Mr. Bryant for everything he does in Midtown.

Mr. Baldwin thanked Mr. Bryant for all he does for Midtown. Mr. Baldwin stated the community garden was for the elderly and other residents of the Midtown area so they could receive fresh produce.

Ms. Ford thanked Mr. Bryant for all he does for Midtown.

Ms. Ford asked Mr. Baldwin how the community garden could be accessed.

Mr. Baldwin stated an individual needed to be registered so they could receive a food packet. Mr. Baldwin stated if an individual would like to sponsor a bed of fruits or vegetables, the price for each bed is \$150 and an individual could maintain their own bed or ask the students at Bethune-Cookman to maintain it for them.

Mr. Fuqua stated the Word of Praise Christian Center also had a community garden that was open to the public.

Mr. Louis stated he was concerned about continuity of the community garden since the project may not be continued once the students leave the campus.

Mr. Baldwin stated elderly residents could register at the Bethune-Cookman office to notify staff that they were interested in receiving produce from the community garden. The packages of produce would be delivered by staff and students. Mr. Baldwin stated staff was on site throughout the year so it was staff's responsibility to see that the garden continues. If BCU decided to discontinue the garden, the property would have to be returned to its original state. Mr. Baldwin stated the plan was to involve elementary schools in the project and to have students germinate plants in their classrooms that could be transplanted to the community garden site.

Ms. Ford suggested the students who were part of the STEM program could assist with the garden during the summer.

8. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

9. **Board Comments**

Mr. Ross thanked staff for their support and stated he would like to sponsor one of the beds at the community garden.

Mr. Fuqua stated he was unable to attend the last meeting and was sorry that he missed the group of Bethune-Cookman students that attended the meeting.

Mr. Baldwin thanked their Board for their support and stated it is good to work with a group of professionals that were interested in their community.

Ms. Ford thanked staff for their support. Ms. Ford stated programs needed to be developed for the youth of the community during the summer.

10. **Adjournment**

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

  
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Kenya Ford, Chair

  
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Becky Groom, Board Secretary