



The CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH

Midtown Redevelopment Board Minutes

City Hall
Commission Chambers
Regular Meeting

301 South Ridgewood Avenue
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
6:00 PM

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The regular meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Board was held Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 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

Mr. Pierre Louis, Chair
Mr. Tony Barhoo (Planning Board Liaison)
Mr. Alphonsa Bush
Ms. Kenya Ford
Mr. Danny Fuqua
Mr. Oliver Ross

Board Members Absent

Mr. John Baldwin, Vice Chair
Mr. Steven Miller

Staff Members Present

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

Call to Order

Mr. Louis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Invocation

Mr. Fuqua gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mr. Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes for Meeting of February 13, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Fuqua, seconded by Ms. Ford, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2018, as presented. The motion carried (6-0).

Staff Reports: Police and Code Enforcement

The Police and Code Enforcement reports were included as part of the packet.

Redevelopment Project Updates

Mr. Bryant provided an update on various activities that have been held in the Midtown Redevelopment area. Mr. Bryant stated the "Calling for Good Men" conference was held on April 21, 2018 at the Daytona Beach Police Department for young men in the community. Mr. Bryant stated speakers included Mayor Derrick Henry, Chief Craig Capri, and Vaughn Young.

Mr. Bryant stated the Daytona 100 Bicycle Run was held on April 28, 2018 and the course was a total of 4-1/2 miles.

Mr. Bryant stated the Daytona Beach Police Department fishing tournament would be held at Lake Valor at the Police Department on May 19, 2018.

Mr. Bryant stated several community clean-ups were held during the month of April, 2018 in conjunction with Public Works, Code Enforcement, and Waste Pro. Mr. Bryant stated two additional clean-ups were scheduled for May 12, 2018 and June 2, 2018.

Mr. Bryant stated a tree planting was held on May 5, 2018 at Daisy Stocking Park.

¹ Mr. Bryant stated New Life Church Ministries recognized several men in the community, including: Mayor Derrick Henry; Pierre Louis; Daniel Fuqua; Oliver Ross; Capt. B. K. Williams of the Daytona Beach Police Department; Lt. Andrey Chaney of the Daytona Beach Fire Department; and Denzil Sykes, Neighborhood Services Division Manager.

Mr. Barhoo asked if there was any update on the Midtown Lofts project.

Mr. Berger stated he had not had an update.

Mr. Fuqua asked what was planned for the former Police Station and DMV sites.

Mr. Bryant stated there were no plans for the Police Station site right now. Mr. Bryant stated perhaps someone would be interested in the site now that a developer would not have to pay for the demolition costs since the building was being removed by the City.

Mr. Berger stated the City was pursuing a tenant for the former DMV site.

Mr. Bush stated he was very impressed with the efforts of the City in involving the youth in positive activities.

Mr. Ross thanked Mr. Bryant for all the work he does in Midtown.

Ms. Ford thanked Mr. Bryant for his hard work and congratulated the Board members who were recognized by the New Life Church Ministries. Ms. Ford stated the Board should be receiving updates on the Midtown Lofts project and should be informed if the project would happen.

Mr. Bryant stated the Daytona Express Track Team would be holding an event May 12, 2018 and volunteers were needed for the event. Mr. Bryant stated the Daytona Beach team consisted of over 100 youth and 30 teams from across the state would be participating in the event this Saturday.

Mr. Bryant stated the Juneteenth celebration would be held on June 13, 2018 and the festival would be held on June 16, 2018.

Mr. Louis stated the Orange Avenue and Franklin lot was becoming more and more polluted each week.

Mr. Bryant stated the property owner had been cited but lives out of state.

Mr. Louis stated a neighbor of his had a concern about street lights and Mr. Louis contacted Mr. Bryant on his neighbor's behalf. Mr. Louis stated he was pleased with the prompt response he received.

Mr. Bryant introduced the new Board attorney, Carly Meek.

Mr. Louis stated he felt the Board should be receiving updates on the Midtown Lofts project and should be provided with a follow-up for a project of that magnitude.

Public Comments

Sandy Murphy, 136 Park Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida, stated the Cornerstone Ventures project would start on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Dickerson Center. Ms. Murphy stated registration was open and would provide assistance for someone wanting to open a new business. Ms. Murphy stated the

¹ Community Development session had been delayed until June since registration was low. Ms. Murphy stated the grocery store study conducted by Uplift would be completed before the next Midtown meeting.

Amy Pyle, 136 S. Grandview, Daytona Beach, Florida stated she supported the Cornerstone Ventures project and the program would provide an opportunity for anyone interested in starting a business. She stated she felt a growth from within would benefit the community. Ms. Pyle thanked Mr. Ross for attending the Save our Neighborhoods group meeting. Ms. Pyle asked if the DMV building would be turned into a Police substation.

Mr. Berger stated it had been discussed but it had not been confirmed. Ms. Pyle stated there was a list of blighted properties in the CRA and she wondered how many were in Midtown and what was being done to address them.

Mr. Ross stated he felt the Cornerstone Ventures project may need to be re-packaged and promoted as a mini "Shark Tank" in order to make it more appealing.

Ms. Ford stated the best way to attract young people to the program was through social media.

Mr. Louis stated someone from the outside cannot fix our area and it had to be fixed from within through people who wanted to improve the area.

Anne Ruby, 137 Park Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida stated 79% of the business in Volusia County had 9 employees or less. Ms. Ruby stated we need to do a better job of supporting small business.

Board Comments

Mr. Barhoo thanked the Board for their support during the recent loss of his brother.

Mr. Fuqua thanked Mr. Bryant and the rest of the staff for their support. Mr. Fuqua thanked the Board for the interest they show in the Midtown community. Mr. Fuqua stated he met some new recruits for the Police Department this morning and further stated the City should ensure the Police and Fire Department employees had the equipment they needed to do their jobs. Mr. Fuqua stated school would be out soon and it was important to engage the youth in the community and keep them occupied during the summer.

Mr. Bush stated it was important to work together to find opportunities for the youth in the community.

Mr. Ross thanked the public that attended the meeting.

Ms. Ford stated it was important that there is something in place for the youth to do in the summer.

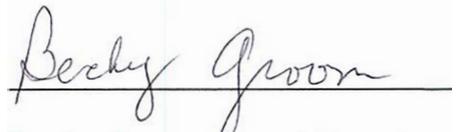
Mr. Louis presented a card regarding the Tom Staed Volusia Veterans Memorial Bridge and stated there was a fundraiser for memorial plaques to be placed at the Memorial Plaza park site.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.]

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Pierre Louis, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Becky Groom", positioned above a horizontal line.

Becky Groom, Board Secretary