

**MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT
AREA BOARD MINUTES**

January 10, 2012

A meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Area Board was held Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers at 301 South Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida. The following people were present:

Board Members

Mr. Hemis N. Ivey, Jr.
Ms. Patricia Heard (6:05 p.m.)
Ms. Shirley Benjamin
Mr. Ken McGee
Ms. Denise McMillon
Mr. Martin Tooley (left at 7:00 p.m.)
Dr. Irma BrowneJamison
Mr. Wilborn Williams

Staff Members Present

Mr. Reed Berger, Redevelopment Director
Ms. Carrie Lathan, Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Charles Bryant, Project Manager
Captain Kerry Orpinuk, Police Department
Officer Hector Garcia, Code Enforcement
Ms. Janice Lowry, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Ms. Lowry called the roll and noted members present as stated above.

The Invocation was given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ivey welcomed new Board members Mr. Wilborn Williams, Dr. Irma BrowneJamison and Mr. Martin Tooley.

Mr. Ivey presented a plaque of appreciation to former Board Chair Johnnie Ponder for her service from 2007 to 2011. Ms. Heard presented Ms. Ponder with a shirt printed with names of businesses in the Midtown Redevelopment Area.

Mr. Ivey stated that members of the public would be allowed three minutes to voice their opinions prior to a Board vote on any action item.

3. **Election of Officers**

Ms. Benjamin nominated Mr. Ivey as Board Chair and Mr. McGee seconded the motion. Mr. Tooley made a motion to close nominations. Ms. Benjamin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll-call vote (8-0).

Ms. McMillon nominated Ms. Heard as Vice Chair and Ms. Benjamin seconded the motion. Dr. BrowneJamison made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Tooley seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll-call vote (8-0).

4. **Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2011, December 13, 2011, and Midtown Workshop November 29, 2011**

Mr. Tooley made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Benjamin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ivey requested that Board members hold their questions until the end of staff presentations. He also welcomed suggestions from Board members to improve meeting efficiency.

5. **Staff Report**

a. **Police Report**

Captain Orpinuk stated that she would be filling in for Captain Capri for the next three months in District 1. She stated that during 2011 auto thefts within the City decreased by twenty-one percent and total larcenies, including burglaries, had decreased by six percent. She stated there was a slight increase in robberies and assaults and a sixteen-percent decrease in sexual assaults.

Ms. Benjamin requested a status report on the area at the corner of Haynes Street and Orange Avenue.

Captain Orpinuk stated that the Police Department was working several areas and she would provide a report.

Mr. Ivey requested Captain Orpinuk's telephone number and she stated it was (386) 671-5201.

Dr. BrowneJamison asked if the theft of copper and air-conditioning units would be listed under property crimes.

Officer Garcia stated that Code Enforcement was reviewing certain issues in the City.

Mr. Ivey stated that those signs were a City-wide problem. He asked if there was an ordinance in place to provide for issuing fines.

Officer Garcia stated yes providing the violators could be identified and located. He stated a citation process was being developed for the City.

Ms. McMillon requested additional information on the volunteer program.

Officer Garcia stated that background checks would be performed on applicants and they would be trained in accordance with Florida Statute 162. They would report violations for entry into the Code Enforcement system.

6. **DEV2011-111, 723 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard Site Plan/Minor Modification**

Mr. Bryant stated Parker Mynchenberg & Associates, Inc., 1729 Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Hill, on behalf of Mr. Cliff Wright, was requesting expansion of Mr. Wright's parking lot by the addition of seven parking spaces on the adjacent lot. Parking would include required stormwater retention and landscaping. He stated staff recommended approval of the site plan subject to all outstanding comments being addressed.

Mr. Steve Buswell, Design Engineer and Landscape Architect, was present on behalf of Parker Mynchenberg & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Ivey asked Mr. Buswell if stormwater retention was required.

Mr. Buswell stated the impervious area fell below the state threshold of 4,000 square feet.

Mr. Tooley asked if actual parking was required.

Mr. Buswell stated no.

Mr. McGee asked about the dumpster located in the middle of the driveway.

Mr. Buswell stated that 96-gallon toters would be used instead of a dumpster.

Mr. Ivey asked how many toters would be used.

Mr. Cliff Wright, 725 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Boulevard, stated there were four apartments on the second floor and three businesses on the first floor of the building as well as two units on the second floor in the rear and one unit below. He stated there was currently no parking.

Board Action

Mr. Tooley made a motion to approve the site plan. Ms. Heard seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously (8-0).

7. **Redevelopment Project Updates**

Mr. Bryant stated he had addressed Board requests made at the previous meeting.

Mr. Bryant stated that a request for speed bumps on Orange Avenue had been sent to Public Works.

Mr. Bryant stated regarding the car parked on the wrong side of Garden Street, he advised the neighbor that the car would be towed if it was not parked correctly. He stated that the car lacked proper license plates.

Mr. Bryant stated he had e-mailed Officer Garcia regarding advertisements on poles and action was being taken.

Mr. Bryant stated he had sent information to the Police Department concerning cars parking on the vacant lot adjacent to 210 College Park Drive.

Mr. Bryant stated the Redevelopment Department utilized the information on the City website pertaining to code enforcement and staff routed photographs and information on violations to appropriate departments.

Mr. Ivey requested a discussion on DEV2011-101 for motorcycle sales at 833 West International Speedway Boulevard.

Mr. Bryant stated that the manager of Custom Works, 833 West International Speedway Boulevard, was present to answer questions. He stated there was previously an administrative review but no vote was taken.

Mr. George Burden, 1119 Jacaranda Boulevard, stated he was present on behalf of Mr. Kistner.

Mr. Ivey asked if there would be job opportunities for the community.

Mr. Burden stated he would put the answers in writing for Mr. Bryant.

Mr. Ivey asked if a vote was needed to approve the site plan.

Ms. Lathan stated yes.

Mr. Ivey asked if members of the public wished to speak.

Public Comments

Mr. Pierre Lewis, 130 South Franklin Street, stated the necessity of corporate responsibility in providing a right turn leading to other areas of Midtown. He stated the necessity for providing jobs.

Mr. Tooley left the meeting.

Board Action

Ms. Benjamin made a motion to approve Site Plan DEV2011-101. Ms. Heard seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously (7-0).

8. Public Comments

Ms. Cathy Washington, 937 Lockhart Street, welcomed the new Board members and congratulated them on the meeting procedure.

Ms. Johnnie Ponder stated the Board had already voted on DEV2011-101.

Ms. Lathan stated no vote had been taken.

Mr. Lewis stated signs advertising income-tax services posted on signs and in yards in the Midtown Area should be removed.

Mr. Lewis stated the City needed to invest \$15,000 to provide parabolic antennae for WiFi in the area from Orange Avenue to ISB.

8. Board Comments

Ms. Benjamin stated nothing had been done to clean up the area from ISB to Orange Avenue.

Mr. Ivey asked the Board members to read their agenda packets and direct any questions to Mr. Bryant prior to meetings to allow more time for discussion.

Mr. Ivey stated he wanted the Board to focus on implementation of the Midtown Area Master Plan.

Mr. Ivey stated the Midtown Area did not have the same type of lighting or poles as the other areas in the City. He stated he wanted new lights installed at the intersection of ISB and Nova Road.

Mr. Ivey stated that at the City budget meeting he had requested \$1 million for incentives and property purchases in the Midtown Area. He asked that the Board make a formal request to the City Commission for a loan or grant in the amount of \$1 million.

Mr. Ivey stated that he wanted a plan presented to the Board at the next meeting for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Orange Avenue corridors. If there were no plans, the \$1 million loan or grant could be used to develop them and to provide the Board's own design consultant. He asked Board members to e-mail their suggestions for growth in the Midtown Area to Mr. Bryant for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Ivey asked Ms. Lathan if a workshop was scheduled to provide information to Board members on the Sunshine Law.

Ms. Lathan stated Mr. Berger was planning a workshop for all the City boards.

Mr. Berger stated a workshop would be coordinated.

Ms. Lathan asked that Board members call her with questions on the Florida Commission on Ethics information that was distributed.

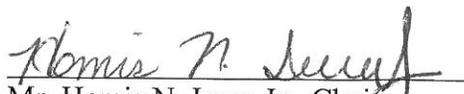
Mr. Ivey stated the importance of bringing WiFi to the Midtown Area. He stated he would work with Mr. Berger and the City Manager and bring information back to the Board.

Mr. Bryant stated he had provided information to the Board on a Historic Preservation Conference and anyone interested in attending should contact him.

Ms. Heard encouraged everyone to attend and participate in the upcoming celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Mr. Hemis N. Ivey, Jr., Chair


Ms. Janice Lowry, Recording Secretary