

**REGULAR MEETING
MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOARD
MINUTES
Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Area Board was held Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, Daytona Beach City Hall, 301 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. The following people were present:

Board Members Present

Mr. Martin Tooley, Chair
Ms. Patricia Heard, Vice Chair
Mr. Tony Barhoo
Ms. Kenya Ford
Mr. Danny Fuqua
Dr. Irma Browne Jamison
Mr. Steven Miller
Mr. Oliver Ross (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Mr. David Schwartz (alternate design professional)

Board Members Absent

Mr. Joseph Pozzuoli

Staff Members Present

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tooley 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. Barhoo gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mr. Fuqua led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2014**

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Ford, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2014. The minutes were approved as presented.

6. **Staff Report**

Police Department

The Compstat Report was included as part of the packet. There was not a representative from the Police Department in attendance.

Mr. Miller expressed concern that a representative from the Police Department has not been attending Midtown meetings.

Chairman Tooley stated when there is a particular question from the Board, a representative from the Police Department will attend the next meeting in order to address the Board's concerns.

Mr. Miller stated he has concerns which he would like addressed at the next meeting. Mr. Miller stated he is concerned about juvenile issues and noted there is very little for children between the ages of 13 to 17 to do in the neighborhoods.

Chairman Tooley stated most of the programs for juveniles would fall under the Leisure Services Department. Chairman Tooley asked that Capt. Blanchette attend the next meeting to address these concerns. Chairman Tooley stated he would like to see what could be done to assist the Leisure Services Department or at least let them know programs are needed.

Mr. Barhoo stated the report shows sexual batteries have increased 125% and he asked what programs are in place to help make the area safer for our citizens.

Mr. Barhoo asked if there is currently an advisory Board for the Leisure Services Department.

Mr. Berger stated there is currently no advisory board for Leisure Services. Mr. Berger stated Mr. Miller has already presented this request to the City Commission.

Ms. Heard stated this was discussed at the City Commission meeting. Ms. Heard stated something needs to be done to provide programs for students during the summer.

Commissioner Paula Reed, 861 Magnolia Avenue, stated a public budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, and discussion of Mr. Miller's request is scheduled to be held after that meeting. Commissioner Reed stated the Board

may attend the meeting to hear the discussion regarding creation of a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Ms. Ford stated the Compstat report reflects that crime in Midtown has moved to another area and stated she would like to know what is being done to address that.

Mr. Bryant stated the next Compstat meeting will be held on June 12 at 8:30 a.m. at the Police Department. Mr. Bryant urged Board members to attend since information is provided at that meeting regarding Police activities. Mr. Bryant stated the Police Department is working hard to address crime in Midtown.

Chairman Tooley stated he is concerned about the amount of young people who come in contact with law enforcement and end up with crimes at an alarming rate of 85% and in areas such as Miami, it is only 2%. Chairman Tooley stated often times a citation can be issued instead of arresting an individual. Chairman Tooley stated this is a major concern since an individual will have a record and will discourage an individual from progressing through life.

Mr. Miller stated the Police Department is staffed as if there are special events held here every day; and when the officers do not have anything to do, they go out and find things to do in order to keep their stats up and justify their jobs. Mr. Miller stated the Department is top heavy and this needs to be looked at.

Dr. Jamison stated there used to be a youth program at the Dickerson Center but the Boys and Girls Club is now at the Dickerson Center and there is no youth program. Dr. Jamison stated she would like to know what Leisure Services is doing in preparation for next year to provide youth programs and stated this should be included in the budget process for next year.

Mr. Fuqua stated there are red light cameras throughout Midtown and asked if that revenue could be earmarked for youth programs.

Chairman Tooley stated that is an excellent question and noted that the majority of the red light cameras are located in Midtown.

Commissioner Reed stated there are 15 cameras throughout the city and only 3 red light cameras are in Midtown. The cameras in Midtown are located at George Ingram and Nova Road, International Speedway and Nova, and Bellevue and Nova.

Commissioner Reed stated there are two summer camps that the city is sponsoring this year. One will be held at the Midtown Center and one at Ortona.

Ms. Heard stated she is concerned about the boundaries of Midtown and noted that Bellevue is not in Midtown.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Heard, to ask the City Commission to create a Parks and Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Report was included as part of the packet.

Dr. Jamison questioned the trespass arrests noted on the report.

Chairman Tooley stated when an individual is issued a trespass warning, they cannot return to that property. If they do, they will be arrested.

Mr. Bryant stated a property owner can contact the Police Department and if a property is placed on trespass notice, a Police Officer can arrest someone when they access the property without contacting the property owner.

Dr. Jamison asked at what point the city will cut an overgrown lot and bill the owner.

Mr. Bryant stated a staff person is assigned to monitor the lots and will direct the City's contractor when a lot should be mowed.

Dr. Jamison asked who is responsible for trees that grow over the street.

Mr. Bryant stated Public Works or FPL would be responsible for trimming trees and asked that Dr. Jamison let him know of areas where she has concerns.

Ms. Heard expressed concerns about signs being posted on property without the property owner's permission.

Ms. Heard stated the lot between Vernon and Niles should be cleaned every two weeks due to the traffic in the area.

Mr. Miller stated he is concerned about the cars that are parking at the Toyota dealership site at ISB and Nova.

Mr. Miller stated there is a homeless person living behind his business.

Chairman Tooley stated Mr. Miller should contact Mr. Lopez about the homeless individual.

Mr. Ross arrived for the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

7. **Discussion Item: DEV2014-057, Final Site Plan, International Speedway Urgent Care**

Mr. Bryant presented the staff report which is included as part of the packet.

Applicant's Presentation:

Selby Weeks, Altamonte Springs, the applicant, stated he is available to answer any questions the Board may have. Mr. Weeks stated he has reviewed the staff report and agrees with the recommendation.

Board Comments:

Mr. Swartz stated he likes the proposed project and feels it will improve the area. Mr. Swartz stated his only concern is that people will have to cross the parking lot to enter the building.

Mr. Weeks stated this was discussed with staff at the beginning of the project but due to setback requirements, space is limited.

Mr. Swartz stated 2 handicapped spaces are proposed but only 1 is shown on the site plan.

Mr. Weeks stated this will be addressed.

Mr. Berger stated the handicapped parking will be addressed during the final site plan review process.

Mr. Barhoo asked if there will be a separate entrance for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Weeks stated no emergency vehicles will enter this site. Emergency vehicles will go to the hospital.

Mr. Fuqua stated he feels this will be a great project for Midtown.

Mr. Ross apologized for being late to the meeting.

Mr. Miller stated this project will be a welcome neighbor and will improve the area.

Dr. Jamison stated she is pleased with the project.

Ms. Ford stated she likes the project.

Ms. Heard stated she is very pleased with the project.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Dr. Jamison, seconded by Ms. Heard, to approve DEV2014-057, Final Site Plan Approval, International Speedway Urgent Care as presented. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

8. Redevelopment Project Updates

Chairman Tooley asked for the status of the funding request that was presented at the last meeting for the Juneteenth festival.

Mr. Berger stated an additional letter was received today and it will be reviewed and considered.

Mr. Bryant stated the Juneteenth banquet will be held on June 19 at the 500 Club at the Speedway and the festival will be held on June 21 at Cypress Park.

Mr. Miller stated the Assistant City Manager stated at the City Commission meeting that the funding for Juneteenth would come from the Midtown redevelopment account and asked what funding is available.

Mr. Berger stated there is no operating money and noted a statement was made; it was not a promise.

Commissioner Reed thanked the members for serving on the Midtown Board. Commissioner Reed stated there are openings on the Historic Preservation and Beautification Boards and asked Board members to encourage individuals to serve on these two boards.

Commissioner Reed stated there will be a budget meeting at 4:00 p.m. on June 11 and the discussion regarding a Parks and Recreation Board will follow the budget discussion.

Commissioner Reed stated a meeting will be held on June 12 at 4:00 p.m. regarding the Orange Avenue project.

Commissioner Reed stated MLK from Orange Avenue to Shady Place will be paved within the next 90 days.

Mr. Berger stated the Midtown Comprehensive Plan will be presented for second reading on June 18 and will then be sent to the State.

Mr. Berger stated the Clarion rewrite of the Land Development Code is scheduled to be received from Clarion by the end of the summer and will then be presented to the Planning Board for review.

Mr. Miller thanked Commissioner Reed for attending the meeting and providing information to the Board.

9. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

10. Board Comments

Mr. Fuqua stated he is excited about the progress that is being made in Midtown.

Mr. Miller stated the ruling on legalization of marijuana will be placed on the ballot this year and asked if it is approved where the distribution centers will be located. Mr. Miller stated the City Commission needs to be proactive on this item.

Dr. Jamison stated she does not want a marijuana distribution center located in her neighborhood. Dr. Jamison stated she hopes to see everyone at the Juneteenth festival.

Ms. Ford stated she is concerned about programs for youth in the community and would like to see what will happen regarding the creation of a Leisure Services board.

Ms. Heard stated she looks forward to seeing everyone at the Juneteenth festival.

Ms. Heard stated she is excited about Orange Avenue and MLK, but she is concerned about signs that are posted on poles in Midtown. Ms. Heard said something should be done about the signs that are posted throughout the town.

Chairman Tooley urged Board members to let people know about the paving that will be done on Martin Luther King.

Chairman Tooley thanked Commissioner Reed for attending the meeting and supporting the Midtown Board.

Chairman Tooley urged Board members to attend other meetings, including City Commission meetings, to show support for the Midtown Redevelopment Board.

Chairman Tooley asked Board members to provide Mr. Bryant with their priorities.

Chairman Tooley thanked staff for their support of the Board.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Martin Tooley, Chair



Becky Groom, Recording Secretary