

**REGULAR MEETING
MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOARD
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Area Board was held Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 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. Martin Tooley, Chair
Mr. Tony Barhoo
Ms. Kenya Ford
Mr. Danny Fuqua
Mr. Steven Miller
Mr. Oliver Ross

Staff Members Present

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Tooley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Invocation

Ms. Ford gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mr. Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **Approval of Minutes for August 11, 2015**

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Ford, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015, meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Board. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Tooley noted there was not a quorum at the August 11, 2015 meeting and, as a result, the minutes of the June 9, 2015, meeting were not approved. Mr. Tooley stated the June 9, 2015, minutes will need to be approved.

6. **Staff Report**

Police Department

Mr. Tooley reviewed the Compstat report. He noted the report reflects a 100% increase in homicides; however, there have been two. Mr. Tooley stated Daytona Beach is portrayed as the seventh worst city in America to live in due to the statistics. He noted decreases in percentages in many areas and feels the police are doing good things.

Mr. Bryant stated 12 new officers have been hired and the purchase of cameras for the Police Department is on the next City Commission agenda.

Mr. Bryant stated two houses will be demolished on Cedar Street and the houses were recently used by the Daytona Beach Police Department and Volusia County SWAT Teams for training.

Mr. Miller stated he believes the city has the best Police Chief in the nation but there is too much of the city's funding going to the Police Department. He expressed concerns about lack of vocational training for the youth in the community. He stated Midtown is a depressed, deprived community.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Tooley stated the debris has been removed from 713 Marion Street. Mr. Bryant stated the property owner appeared before the Special Magistrate today. Mr. Bryant stated 113 S. Martin Luther King was also presented to the Special Magistrate and has been given 30 days to come into compliance.

Mr. Tooley commended Code Enforcement for the work that has been done at the properties on Marion Street and noted the properties look much better. He stated Code Enforcement is doing a good job and he is happy with Mr. Sykes' responsiveness.

7. **Action Item: Sign Violation – King Sign Pole Cover**

Mr. Bryant presented the staff report which is included as part of the packet. Mr. Bryant stated this request was scheduled for the August meeting; but since there was not a quorum, no action was taken. Mr. Bryant outlined the memorandum dated August 7

which is included as part of the packet. Mr. Bryant stated staff is recommending that the Board approve the request to allow the existing sign pole to remain and that the applicant submit a sign permit application, including a drawing that shows the dimension and proposed color of the sign pole cover.

Mr. Berger stated staff has requested that the applicant paint the sign a neutral color to match the color of the building. Mr. Berger stated the flag graphic will be removed.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ross, to accept the recommendation of staff and recommend approval to the Board of Adjustment for the sign application, as presented in the staff report. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

8. Action Item: BOA-2015-012 – Variance from Article 6, Section 6.8 of the Land Development Code – Recommendation to Board of Adjustment

Mr. Bryant presented the staff report which is included as part of the packet. Mr. Bryant stated the applicant is requesting to increase the maximum height from 4 feet to 6 feet along and between the front lot line and the front of the structure for security purposes.

Mr. Barhoo asked what type of material will be used for the fencing.

Mr. Bryant stated it will be the same type of fencing as used by Bethune-Cookman so it will match the fence of Bethune-Cookman. Mr. Bryant stated notices were sent to adjacent property owners and most supported this request due to the problems with vagrants in the area.

Mr. Fuqua stated he experiences the same issues at his church with vagrants. He stated seeing vagrants around the property can make it uninviting to members of the community.

Mr. Miller stated a camera system tied into the Police Department would help with security issues.

Public comment:

There were no public comments.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the recommendation of staff and recommend approval of BOA-2015-012 to the Board of Adjustment for Variance from Article 6, Section 6.8 of the Land Development Code, as presented in the staff report. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

9. **Redevelopment Project Updates**

Mr. Bryant stated Light Up Midtown is scheduled for October 12. He stated the health fair will be in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He stated fresh fruits and vegetables will be distributed to those who attend the health fair. He stated from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. a live band will perform at Daisy Stocking Park. He stated due to scheduling conflicts with other parades, there will not be a parade in Midtown this year. Mr. Bryant asked the Board to participate and volunteer their time in helping with the event and stated the Board will be invited to a coordination meeting that will be held on October 29.

Mr. Bryant stated a Senior Prom will be held on December 18 for anyone 55 and older and will be held at the Midtown Center.

Mr. Fuqua asked if the events will be advertised on BrightHouse and radio stations.

Mr. Bryant stated the City's PIO will help with releasing the information on the scheduled events.

10. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

11. **Board Comments**

Mr. Miller stated he is pleased to see the activities scheduled for the seniors during Light Up Midtown. He stated there is a need in the community for an adult day care.

Mr. Fuqua stated the Midtown Neighborhood Association met on October 12, and Chief Chitwood attended the meeting and spoke regarding the incident at Bethune-Cookman involving 3 students. Mr. Fuqua stated the individual that survived the incident will be recognized at the November 9 Midtown Neighborhood Association meeting at the community center at 6:00 p.m. and encouraged Board members to attend.

Ms. Ford stated she likes the idea of the senior prom and offered her assistance with the event.

Mr. Tooley extended condolences to Mr. Miller on the loss of his mother.

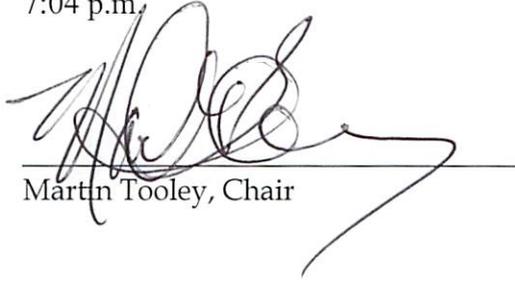
Mr. Tooley stated Shiloh Missionary Church celebrated 93 years in the community on October 11 and thanked Mayor Henry for attending the event.

Mr. Tooley encouraged Board members to be involved in the Light Up Midtown events. He asked Board members to attend the ceremony on November 9 to recognize the individual who survived the incident at Bethune-Cookman.

Mr. Tooley thanked the staff for their support.

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Martin Tooley, Chair



Becky Groom, Board Secretary