



## The CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH Midtown Redevelopment Board Minutes

City Hall  
Commission Chambers  
Regular Meeting

301 South Ridgewood Avenue  
Tuesday, January 9, 2018  
6:00 PM

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The regular meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Board was held Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 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. Alphonsa Bush  
Mr. Pierre Louis  
Mr. Steven Miller (arrived at 6:20)  
Mr. Tony Barhoo (Planning Board appointee)  
Mr. Oliver Ross (arrived at 6:55)

### Staff Members Absent

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Mr. Reed Bergen Redevelopment Director  
Mr. Charles Bryant, Redevelopment Project Manager  
Mr. Robert Jagger, City Attorney  
Ms. Marsha McDonald. Office Specialist II

### Call to Order

<sup>1</sup> Ms. Ford 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. Barhoo gave the invocation.

## Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mr. Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Approval of Minutes for Meeting of November 14, 2017

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Louis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2017, as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Louis asked what the procedure was for follow up of items that were discussed during meetings.

Ms. Ford stated the minutes reflect items that were discussed and then it was up to City staff to make sure items were followed through.

Mr. Berger stated items were usually addressed during the Staff Reports.

## Staff Report

### Police Department

Capt. Byron Williams presented the Compstat report which was included as part of the packet. Capt. Williams stated there had been a decrease of 16% in burglaries; a decrease of 10% in larcenies; an increase of 39% in robberies; decrease of 6% in aggravated assaults and batteries; and a decrease of 6% in sexual batteries, for a total decrease of 11% of Part 1 crimes.

Mr. Bryant thanked the Police Department for their support of the Health Fair and the Senior Prom that were recently held in Midtown.

Mr. Bryant stated the minutes were reviewed and items discussed by the Board were followed up by staff.

### Code Enforcement

Mr. Bryant presented the Code Enforcement Report which was included as part of the packet. Mr. Bryant stated the Code Enforcement Officers should be at the next Midtown meeting to present the code cases.

<sup>1</sup> Public Comments;  
There were no public comments.

## Redevelopment Project Updates

Mr. Bryant stated at the last meeting, there were questions about the equipment at the Dickerson Center and a teen party. Mr. Bryant provided the Board a report he had just received regarding the equipment and the use of the facilities for teen parties. Mr. Bryant stated he provided information to the Board members in response to their questions as soon as he received them.

Ms. Ford stated based on the information provided, she did not feel Police presence was required for parties held at city facilities if parents were in attendance to supervise the function. Ms. Ford stated the report from Leisure Services stated that applications for use of facilities were reviewed by Helen Riger and approved on a case by case basis. Ms. Ford stated she felt that was subjective because City Staff determined who got to use facilities and she had an issue with that.

Mr. Bryant stated he would provide an answer to Ms. Ford regarding her questions.

Mr. Louis stated there should be guidelines in place that outlined requirements for holding events at facilities.

Mr. Bryant stated he would provide a copy of the application to the Board at the next meeting so Board members knew the requirements.

Mr. Louis stated if an application met all the requirements, you would think it would be approved.

Mr. Bryant stated it was not an automatic approval.

Mr. Baldwin asked that there be reconsideration to the wording in the document regarding review by the Daytona Beach Police Department of an application and the requirement for Police presence at an event. Mr. Baldwin stated the application stated the Police Department would review an application and determine the level of police presence if required. Mr. Baldwin asked how many parties were held without a parent or adult making the application.

Mr. Bryant stated he would ask Ms. Riger to attend a meeting to explain the process.

Ms. Ford stated she had reserved facilities in Port Orange and South Daytona and there had never been an issue.

Mr. Miller stated he was the chair of the Leisure Services Board and he would discuss the application process at the next Leisure Services Board meeting.

Mr. Bryant thanked all of the sponsors that helped with the Health Fair and Senior Prom.

Mr. Louis thanked Mr. Bryant for all the work he does in putting on events in Midtown.

Mr. Fuqua thanked Mr. Bryant for the excellent events he coordinated during the holidays.

Mr. Baldwin stated he received good reports from the students that volunteered for the events held in Midtown.

Mr. Miller stated he would like to see programs be made available for seniors that could be held during the day in Midtown.

Ms. Ford thanked Mr. Bryant for the work he does for the Midtown community.

Ms. Ford stated she would continue to serve on the Board but would like to have another Board member serve as Chair. Both Ms. Ford and Mr. Fuqua declined nominations to serve as Chair.

#### Election of Chair

A motion was made by Steve Miller, seconded by Danny Fuquay, to nominate Pierre Louis to serve as Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Fuqua, seconded by Mr. Miller, to nominate Mr. Baldwin to serve as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Louis continued the meeting as Chair.

## Public Comments

Anne Ruby. 137 Park Avenue. Daytona Beach. Florida, asked for an update on the Midtown Lofts.

Mr. Berger stated property has now been secured and plans were prepared for the stormwater facility.

Sandy Murphy. 136 Park Avenue. Daytona Beach. Florida, asked how many properties in the City had been supported by City grants. Ms. Murphy stated she was working with Cornerstone Ventures to address the food desert issues and to develop entrepreneurs. Ms. Murphy stated Commissioner Paula Reed was sponsoring this endeavor and asked for support of the Midtown Board.

Mr. Berger stated he would provide a report of the grant funding at the next meeting.

## Board Comments

Mr. Barhoo expressed concern about the homeless issue in the City, particularly during cold weather, and panhandlers on street corners and asked what the City was doing about it.

Mr. Berger stated there was not a formal program in place to shelter the homeless during cold weather.

Mr. Jagger stated the act of panhandling was protected by the First Amendment and was difficult to regulate. Mr. Jagger stated there were laws being enforced, such as regulations regarding blocking traffic.

Mr. Baldwin asked if it could be determined how many people view the Midtown Redevelopment Board meetings on the website or access information from the website.

Mr. Fuqua stated he would like to see improvements in the appearance of the City so the guests to our City were impressed, particularly along major corridors.

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Mr. Miller stated there was not one African-American Department Head in the City of Daytona Beach. Mr. Miller stated there needed to be programs for senior citizens five days a week at city facilities. Mr. Miller thanked Ms. Ford for her leadership during the last year. Mr. Miller thanked City Staff for the work they do. Mr. Miller stated the City should provide a plaque to Ms. Ford in recognition of her service as Chair.

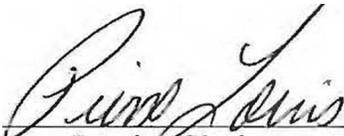
Ms. Ford stated there was an imbalance of representation of the African-American community. Ms. Ford thanked City Staff for the work they do.

Mr. Louis thanked Ms. Ford for the excellent job she did in serving as Chair. Mr. Louis stated he felt the Board members should provide the plaque for Ms. Ford, not the City.

Anne Ruby, 137 Park Avenue, stated she has a report of the wages and counts by race for 2016 if any of the Board members were interested in receiving it.

## Adjournment

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

  
Pierre Louis, Chair

  
Becky Groom, Board Secretary