

**MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Board was held Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Daytona Beach City Hall, 301 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida. The following people were present:

Board Members Present

Mr. Shawn Collins, Chair
Ms. Tangela Hardy
Mr. Pierre Louis
Ms. Renee Richardson
Ms. Valencia Stubbs
Mr. Byron Cogdell

Board Members Absent

Ms. Terica Charles

Staff Members Present

Ms. Michele Toliver, Project Manager
Mr. Ben Gross, Deputy City Attorney
Capt. Trisha Loomis, Daytona Beach Police Department
Ms. Sarah Kirk, Neighborhood Services Officer
Ms. Mandana Carry, Office Specialist II

1. Call to Order

Mr. Collins 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. Cogdell gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by the Board

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from October 12, 2021 by Mr. Louis. Motion was seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion was carried (6-0).

6. Staff Reports

6a. Police Department – Capt. Trisha Loomis

Capt. Loomis stated her report for the month, with statistics for District 1, which is Midtown. Capt. Loomis stated that the department is gearing up for the Holidays and were hoping to finish out the year strong. Captain stated with we have ramped up our patrols in Midtown especially, and not just for the Events.

Mr. Louis stated he would like to know when the Comstat reports would become like they were earlier in the year.

Capt. Loomis stated that the department was hiring another analyst and that she was sorry but for the interim the report could not be any more specific until a new analysis was hired.

Mr. Cogdell stated that he was informed that there were 28 positions available for officer candidates and was wondering if that was just in our department or statewide.

Capt. Loomis stated that yes, we need officers and as a nation law enforcement is falling short everywhere, that is the climate right now. Capt. Loomis stated that recruiting is being done by staff in all departments, for law enforcement positions. Gratefully the Commissioners are behind us, and as we state, if you see something say something.

Mr. Collins stated if there is anything the Board can do please let us know and stated was the police department recruiting younger folks still in school, and do you let them know being an officer is not the only reason they can join the force.

Capt. Loomis stated yes, in fact we have the most success in Mainland H.S. locally, they see us every day. Capt. Loomis stated that we do recruit for all positions, but selfishly we want them all for ourselves.

b. Code Enforcement – Ms. Sarah Kirk, Neighborhood Services Inspector

Ms. Kirk stated that in the month of November code enforcement had opened 25 cases, 3 of which were closed. Ms. Kirk stated it had been a slower month than usual.

Mr. Louis stated he had attended one of the code enforcement meetings and it was very interesting and efficient in the handling of these cases, and thanked Ms. Kirk.

7. Presentation – Spotlight on Midtown

Midtown Café Daytona -Owner Ms. Karen Eager could not attend meeting

8. Old Business

There was no old business

9. New Business

9a. Board training and Duties and Responsibilities

Mr. Gross stated that at this time the city attorney's office had to postpone their presentation until a later date.

10. Public Comments

Jenny Nazak, 501 Harvey Ave. Daytona Beach, Fl. 32114, stated she was there to bring awareness to our environmental flooding. Ms. Nazak stated that climate change in the force of heat was the true problem in Midtown and the City as a whole. Ms. Nazak stated the increase in asphalt, the deterioration of natural landmarks i.e., trees and their canopy, grass, and gardens, are the reasons floods are such a big issue for Midtown, the water had nowhere to be absorbed. Ms. Nazak stated as good citizens we should be collecting rainwater in barrels to then spread around areas of new growth and vegetation.

Mr. Collins stated that it would be hard to build a city without asphalt and was used in the land Development Code as well.

Ms. Nazak stated the city should be using alternatives whenever possible and stated trees and shrubbery should be a budget line item. Ms. Nazak thanked the Board for their time and attention.

11. Board Comments

Ms. Richardson stated her group had flyers made for Food Brings Hope (FBH) initiative promoting home ownership, scholarships for education, and promoting employment in the 32114 area. Ms. Richardson stated the open house was on Nov. 11 at Daytona State College Daytona campus and hoped everyone could come out.

Mr. Cogdell stated his thanks to all those who participated in the City Managers walking tours.

Mr. Collins, Chair, stated his thanks to staff for coordinating with making the walking tours happen. The Chair also stated our neighborhood watch with Mr. Sykes and Public Works' Mr. Holmes went great and the organization of these two departments was interesting to watch. These folks pick the items and the projects that need implementing, and they do it right.

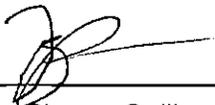
Mr. Collins stated he had a great meeting with the City Manager and was hard not to be impressed with his ideas for Midtown.

Ms. Michele Toliver, project manager, stated the project overviews for the month of November. Ms. Toliver stated there will be another walking tour this Wednesday, 11/10/2021, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting at the Peabody.

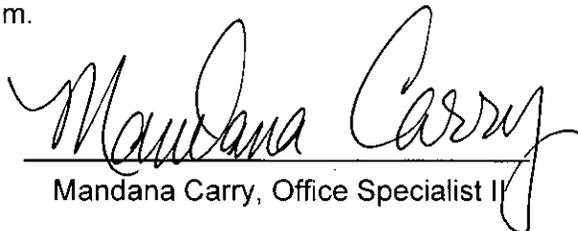
Ms. Stubbs stated she would like to thank all our Veterans and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Collins called adjournment at 6:55 p.m.



Mr. Shawn Collins, Chair.



Mandana Carry, Office Specialist II