

MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, May 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Board was held Tuesday May 9, 2023, 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, Chairman
Ms. Tangela Hardy
Ms. Renee Richardson
Ms. Davita Bonner

Board Members Absent

Mr. Nathan Mugala, Vice Chairman (Excused)
Ms. Cathy Washington
Mr. Lynn Thompson
Ms. Joan Sheppard

Staff Members Present

Ms. Michele Toliver, Redevelopment Project Manager
Mr. Ben Gross, Deputy City Attorney
Captain Leonardo Conde, Daytona Beach Police Department
Ms. Sara Kirk, Code Compliance Inspector
Mrs. Gina Fountain, Board Secretary

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mrs. Fountain called roll and noted members present as stated above.

3. Invocation

Ms. Hardy 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 April 11, 2023, by Ms. Hardy, seconded Ms. Richardson. Motion was carried 4-0.

6. Staff Reports

- 6a.** Captain Leonardo Conde, Daytona Beach Police Department, provided a summary of the CompStat Report.

Board members thanked Captain Conde for his service.

- 6b.** Ms. Sara Kirk, Code Compliance Inspector, provided a summary of Code Enforcement cases and provided the answers to the board members previously asked questions.

Mr. Ben Gross, Deputy City Attorney advised the board that he had actually spoken to Mr. Denzil Sykes, Division Manager, Code Enforcement Inspection program regarding the property located at 935 S. Martin Luther King Blvd and was informed that this matter has been brought to the attention of the Police Department and there has been a history of this issue with the owners.

- 6c.** Ms. Michele Toliver, Project Manager, informed the Board there were no new projects to report.

Ms. Toliver and board members discussed the signage on a vacant property located on Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd about a development for apartments. No plans for the development have not been submitted to the City's Planning Department.

7. Presentation – Spotlight on Midtown

Mr. Pierre Louis introduced Ms. Darlene Wolfson who was invited by Ms. Hardy.

- 7a.** Ms. Darlene Wolfson (Director of Homeowner Services), Habitat for Humanity of Greater Volusia Inc., 1030 W. International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL. She provided a brief history of her work experience and the affordable housing program offered to first time homebuyers. Ms. Wolfson answered Board member questions.

8. Old Business

8a. Review and Approve Board's 2023 Needs Plan

Mr. Collins briefly discussed the Needs Plan items and reminded each member to provide a narrative. Mr. Thompson emailed City staff a write-up for the Communication item for each Board member to review.

Board members discussed the following items from the Needs Plan: Neighborhood Beautification (Tangela Hardy), Increased Home Ownership (Renee Richardson), and Increased Small Business Development Investments (A. Shawn Collins & Davita Bonner).

9. **New Business**

There were no new business to discuss.

10. **Public Comments**

Pierre Louis, 137 Franklin Street, Daytona Beach, discussed the Midtown website that he created several years ago and goals in the Midtown CRA. He discussed the passing of a community servant, Patricia Heard and that previously served on the Midtown Board as well as other City Boards.

Ronnie Mack, 318 N. Caroline Street, Daytona Beach, discussed the issue of transient traffic throughout his neighborhood, locations for development and a need for Citywide focus group meetings. Board members answered Mr. Mack questions.

11. **Board Comments:**

Ms. Toliver advised the board that the Food Truck Rally contract is being finalized and has been tentatively scheduled for last Friday in August.

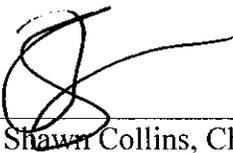
A motion was made by Ms. Richardson that the Board recommends the development of a conference meeting that they would be able to bring developers, businesses, and community non-profit organizations together to discuss how to move forward the ideas in the Midtown area, seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion carried 4-0.

12. **Meeting Recap/Follow-ups for the Next Board Meeting:**

Mr. Collins discussed creating an award to honor Ms. Patricia Heard and Mr. George W. Engram that would be presented yearly to two recipients in the Midtown area.

13. **Adjournment**

Mr. Collins called adjournment at 7:15 p.m.



Shawn Collins, Chair



Gina Fountain, Board Secretary