

**REGULAR MEETING
MIDTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOARD
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Midtown Redevelopment Area Board was held Tuesday, August 11, 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. Danny Fuqua
Mr. Steven Miller
Mr. Oliver Ross

Board Members Absent

Mr. Martin Tooley, Chair
Mr. Tony Barhoo
Ms. Kenya Ford

Staff Members Present

Mr. Reed Berger, Redevelopment Director
Mr. Ben Gross, Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Charles Bryant, Redevelopment Project Manager
Ms. Marsha Rowland-McDonald, Office Specialist II

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Mr. Gross stated since there was not a quorum, the Board could meet and discuss items but no action or vote could be taken.

3. Invocation

Mr. Miller gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mr. Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2015**

There was no action taken on the approval of the minutes since there was not a quorum.

6. **Staff Report**

Police Department

Capt. Jakari Young discussed the Compstat report which was included as part of the packet. Capt. Young stated the crime rate was up 17% and the area of increase was in aggravated assault and batteries. He stated there had been a decrease in vehicle burglaries but there were some “hot spots” at gas stations. Capt. Young stated crime issues with youth while they were out of school for the summer was down.

Mr. Fuqua asked if the City had considered doing a television commercial through BrightHouse to inform the public about crime prevention.

Capt. Young stated there had been discussions about doing a commercial in conjunction with a Daytona Tortugas advertisement.

Mr. Fuqua thanked Commissioner Trager for attending the meeting. Mr. Fuqua encouraged City Commissioners to attend neighborhood meetings in their zones in order to share information regarding crime.

Code Enforcement

A representative of Code Enforcement presented the report which was included as part of the packet. The Officer stated he was working to locate a piece of property where trailers could be centrally parked.

7. **Action Item: Sign Violation – 529 W. International Speedway Blvd.**

Mr. Gross stated this item would be tabled without any action required from the Board since there was not a quorum.

8. **Redevelopment Project Updates**

Mr. Bryant presented the report which was included as part of the packet. Mr. Bryant encouraged Board members to attend Compstat meetings in order to better understand the crime situation in the city. Mr. Bryant stated a free Citizens Police Academy would be held through September and October and encouraged participation. Mr. Bryant stated plans were underway for this year’s “Light Up Midtown” program and stated there would be events specifically for senior citizens.

Mr. Miller asked about banners in Midtown.

Mr. Berger stated the Sign Code defined where signs could be placed and stated there had been a proliferation of banners throughout Midtown. Mr. Berger stated staff tried to inform business owners as to what signage was permitted.

Mr. Miller expressed concern about the lack of programs for senior citizens in Daytona Beach, such as meal programs and adult day care.

Mr. Bryant stated there is a Senior Oasis program as well as Meals on Wheels that operate throughout the City.

Mr. Berger stated the City Commission/CRA had sold a piece of property at the corner of Lincoln and George Engram. Mr. Berger stated the property owner intended to open a restaurant on the site.

Mr. Berger stated the contract with JLL for implementation of the Midtown Master Plan had been approved and staff meetings would be scheduled in the near future to discuss implementation of the plan.

9. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

10. Board Comments

Commissioner Ruth Trager, 610 Bostwick, stated she appreciated the work of the Board in making Daytona Beach a better city.

Mr. Fuqua stated he spoke with Chief Chitwood and had made arrangements for Police Officers to attend Christian Learning Center to ensure the area is safe and to provide safety guidance.

Mr. Fuqua stated Christian Learning Center had received a grant from the Volusia County Health Department to start a community garden at the school.

Mr. Fuqua stated he felt people should be permitted to have chickens in their backyards in order to provide fresh eggs.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Danny Fuqua, Vice Chair

Marsha Rowland-McDonald,
Office Specialist II