

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CHARLOTTE HARBOR
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, March 1, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.
County Administration Building – Room 119
18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

(These minutes are not official until they have been approved by the Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee.)

Members Present

James Herston, *Chairman*
Evelyn Loeffler
Charlotte Ventola
Nathaniel Cooley

Staff Present

Debrah Forester, *Redevelopment Manager*
Derek Rooney, *Assistant County Attorney*
Elizabeth Spicer, *Event Planner*
Simone N. Petche, *Recorder*

Members Absent (Excused)

Michael Haymans, *Vice Chairman*
Grace Amodeo, *Secretary*

Guests

David DeLoach, PE, *Vice President, Director of Water Resource, Ardaman and Associates.*
Dick Strudgeon, *Committee Chairman, Port Charlotte Yacht Club*
Tom Brown, *Port Charlotte Yacht Club*
Candace Wehbe

I. Call to Order

Chairman Herston called the March 1, 2010 meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee to order at 11:05 a.m. in Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administration Building.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Herston led the members and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

Roll call was taken; Charlotte Ventola confirmed a quorum was not present. At 11:38 a.m., it was noted by Jim Herston that Nate Cooley arrived, making a quorum.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda - none

V. Approval of Minutes

A motion was presented by Nate Cooley and seconded by Charlotte Ventola to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2010 Special Meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee as written. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was presented by Mr. Cooley and Charlotte Ventola seconded to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2010 Regular Meeting with the following changes:

- grammatical corrections on page 3, paragraphs 1 and 3
- a concern was raised about US 41 properties included in the map change. It was decided that this issue would be discussed at a later time.
- changed "staff" to Debrah Forester in paragraph four

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Commissioner Comments -none

VII. Public Comments

Cheryl Winn stated that artist Diane Hainesmaner relocated her gallery from North Carolina to a Charlotte Harbor property on Guard Street. Diane has just moved into the area and her work will focus on the Old Florida Theme.

VIII. Development Review Report

Chairman Herston noted that the new CVS has opened, as well as a doctor's office on the corner of Harborview and King's Highway and a veterinary clinic.

IX. Old Business

a. Event Coordinator's Report –Elizabeth Spicer (Attachment 1)

Ms. Spicer reported that events are moving along well in the Bayshore Live Oak Park: the Regatta Lunch and Learn had an excellent speaker and both the Hands Across the Harbor event and Valentine's Day Vow Renewal were very well attended. She also noted future events: the Bayshore Live Oak Park Community Dog Show and a Mother's Day fair.

b. Watershed Master Plan Update –Dave DeLoach

Mr. DeLoach gave an update of the Watershed Master Plan, presenting project details and recommendations. He cautioned that the current plan is preliminary and will need to be modified. Discussion followed regarding budgeting and acquisition of properties. Mr. DeLoach will return to present more updates at a later time.

c. Update on Joint Meeting Agenda (Attachment 2)

Ms. Forester reported that she made modifications to the agenda, the main adjustment being land use changes for the target area. She noted that there are a number of issues that the board may want to bring up for discussion at the joint meeting, including a general discussion to look at the redevelopment plan and options for the Hickory House. The board discussed the historical significance and costs of upkeep of the Hickory House. It was noted that the board has no financial obligation by bringing the Hickory House property in the CRA boundary, unless the board chooses to do so at a later time. Ms. Forester noted that the main highlights for the annual report will be: the Harborwalk Project plans, the Housing Rehab Grant Program, changes to the Comp Plan, and the Commercial Rehab Program.

d. Hands Across the Harbor Final Expense and Revenue Report
Delayed until next meeting

e. Banner Discussion

Ms. Forester informed the committee that the business owners in the NBR district were interested in using the old bridge banners to highlight the area. She requested that the committee consider giving the old banners to the small business owners in the NBR district. The committee discussed how the flags could be used according to code. The committee requested that Ms. Forester hold on to at least one banner. **A motion was made by Mr. Cooley to allow Ms. Forester to give the banners to property owners and was seconded by Ms. Ventola. Motion passed unanimously.**

f. Port Charlotte Yacht Club

Ms. Forester noted that she met with representatives from the Port Charlotte Yacht Club who presented their sketches for the screened-in pavilion in the back of the Laura Street property. At this time, Dick Sturgeon and Tom Brown displayed their preliminary drawings of the cupola, metal roof, and gingerbread to the board and asked for approval for architectural review, in preparation for their meetings with the Zoning and Building departments. Discussion followed regarding the design of the drawings and Mr. Herston suggested that pictures of the drawings and site plan be taken and attached to the approval letter. **A motion was made by Ms. Ventola to approve the drawings for architectural review and seconded by Mr. Cooley. Motion passed unanimously.**

Pictures were taken at this time and Mr. Herston noted that he would send the approval letter out.

X. **New Business** -none

XI. **Correspondence/Communications** -none

XII. **Public Comments**

Candace Wehbe commented on the Preliminary Map presented by Mr. DeLoach that the yellow retention pond would be located from Central to Seneca, bordered by Parmely over to Sibley, which involves 26 housing units.

Cassandra Wooden asked the board what the boundaries of the smaller yellow section of the storm water map were. Ms. Forester emphasized that the board has to be cautious of the map, since it is very preliminary.

Carlen Wilson stated that there are other ways to handle retention of storm water, such as on-site retention and underground retention.

XIII. **Staff Comments** -none

XIV. **Attorney Comments** -none

XV. **Member Comments**

Evelyn Loeffler mentioned Mr. Hayman's comment from the February 18, 2010 meeting about the gathering of the soup kitchen. She suggested that board members not reply harshly to the public's remarks because people may refrain from commenting in the future.

XVI. **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee will be held on **April 5, 2010 at 11 a.m. in Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administration Center.**

XVII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 12:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Simone N. Petcher, Recorder

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Approved: _____