

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CHARLOTTE HARBOR
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, August 1, 2011 – 11:00 a.m.
County Administration Building – Room 119
18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Members Present

James Herston, Chairman
Michael Haymans, *Vice Chairman*
Grace Amodeo, *Secretary*
Eddie Hale
Garland Wilson

Staff Present

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch
Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager
Roxann Read, Planner II
Kathy M. Knee, Recorder
Matt Trepal, Growth Management

Members Absent

Nathaniel Cooley
Charlotte Ventola

Guests

I. Call to Order

Chairman Herston called the August 1, 2011 meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee to order at 11:00 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; Secretary Grace Amodeo confirmed a quorum was present.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Debrah Forester asked that the Water Management discussion be tabled until the September meeting because Joanne Vernon is unable to attend today's meeting. Ms. Forester asked that Charlotte Ventola's comments, which were distributed with the meeting packet, be considered when discussion begins on the Comp Plan.

V. Approval of Minutes

A motion was presented by Grace Amodeo and seconded by Michael Haymans to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee as written. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Deutsch noted he talked with Ripken Group representatives this morning and mentioned the improvements that are scheduled in the Charlotte Harbor CRA and he is hopeful Murdock Village will begin moving forward.

VII. Public Comments - None.

VIII. Development Review Report - Chairman Herston had nothing to report.

IX. Old Business

Water Management Update – Tabled until September’s meeting.

Comp Plan Proposed Changes – Debrah Forester reviewed the proposed changes to the Comp Plan which were distributed with the meeting packet. Mike Haymans asked why it is a requirement that the residential area be on separate floor from the commercial; this should be encouraged but not required. Matt Trepal noted this could be revised for Charlotte Harbor. Debrah Forester noted the current maximum density is 15 dwelling units per acre and asked if the Committee would want to consider going to 24 units per acre to allow for growth. Mike Haymans suggested a 60 foot maximum height restriction. Mr. Haymans stated he owns property in this area that would benefit by his suggestion but explained that if it is the goal of the Committee to have enough density to support a walkable community then this type of change would be needed to get density and save existing oak trees. Ms. Forester mentioned that side setbacks and rear setbacks would need to be looked at prior to increasing height. Discussion followed regarding height. There was concern regarding the look of higher buildings but architectural design requirements will keep the look of the area consistent. In order to achieve density and still meet the requirements of side setbacks, adding height to new construction would need to be considered. Side setbacks were originally determined to allow views of the Harbor and walkability. Ms. Forester asked if the PD (Planned Development) process was a way to work with setbacks. Mr. Haymans stated that although PD would be an optional process he would prefer certainty in the standards. Special Exception is preferable to PD. Ms. Forester will clean up the language per today’s discussion and will bring the revised copy to next month’s meetings with recommendations.

Proposed LDR – Matt Trepal (See Attachment C) – this topic was covered with the Comp Plan discussion.

Melbourne Street Bridge Update - Debrah Forester noted that Public Works is planning a meeting, tentatively scheduled for September 19, to discuss the management of traffic. Construction is on a tight schedule. The official schedule should be available soon.

Hands Across the Harbor Update – Debrah Forester mentioned that the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center has confirmed its partnership for this event. Ms. Forester also confirmed the grand prize will be a weekend in St. Petersburg.

Bench Project Update and Special Events Coordinator Report – Debrah Forester reported that there are three sponsorships still available and asked the Committee to help with recruitment. Ms. Forester mentioned that the artist’s packages are due today and there has been a lot of interest.

CIP Meeting – Debrah Forester noted there would be a CIP meeting today at 1 p.m. The Harborwalk project will be presented. Parks & Recreation will also be putting forward a parking project for Bayshore Park. Eddie Hale suggested that since this is prime property, it would seem off-site parking with a tram should be considered. Ms. Forester reported that the restroom in the park may not be done in time for the Hands Across the Harbor event.

X. New Business – None.

XI. Correspondence/Communications – The following items were included with the meeting packet:

- Minutes from Punta Gorda CRA meeting of July 6, 2011.
- Newspaper Clipping, Looking for Ideas, dated July 22, 2011.
- Charlotte Ventola's comments on Comp Plan Review.

XII. Public Comments – None.

XIII. Staff Comments – None.

XIV. Attorney Comments – None.

XV. Member Comments

Grace asked when the BCC will be asked to approve the naming of the Melbourne Bridge. Debrah Forester mentioned this is on her list of things to do.

Eddie Hale mentioned there is land being cleared near the water tower. Jim Herston said this is a hurricane cleanup project. Mr. Hale also noted that zoning changes are going to affect the look of Charlotte Harbor and this item should be considered important to the Committee and property owners.

Debrah Forester asked everyone to hold on to their storm water information for next month's meeting.

XVI. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee will be held on **Monday, September 12, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administration Center.**

XVII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy M Knee

Kathy M. Knee, Recorder

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Approved: September 12, 2011