MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CHARLOTTE HARBOR
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, April 6, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Bayshore Live Oak Park – Two Story Pavilion

Members Present
James Herston, *Chairman*
Garland Wilson, Vice Chairman
Charlotte Ventola, Secretary
Denise Garbacz
Delmar Wooden

Staff Present
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch
Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager
Matt Trepal, Community Development
Mike Koenig, Community Services

Members Absent
Michael Haymans
Vanessa Oliver

I. Call to Order
Chairman Herston called the April 6, 2015 meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee to order at 6:10 p.m. in the two-story pavilion at Bayshore Live Oak Park. Chairman Herston welcomed the community members and thanked them for attending the meeting. Each committee member introduced themselves.

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 by Charlotte Ventola. A quorum was present.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Chairman Herston asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Debrah Forester noted no additions or deletions.

V. Approval of Minutes
A Motion was presented by Charlotte Ventola, seconded by Garland Wilson and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes of the March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee, as written.

VI. Public Comments –
- Mr. Barnhart asked for clarification on the boundaries of the Harbor Walk project.

VII. Development Review Report
Jim Herston provided a list of permits that were issued over the past month including restriping of parking lots and sign changes.

VIII. Old Business
Sheriff's Office – Dale Phillips provided an update on incidents from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015 (see attached) with a comparison over the same time period for 2014. She noted that this year there were no drug arrests. Ms. Phillips noted that the open container law is working. The Sheriff's office is working on cleaning up the homeless camps and she noted one was reported this afternoon during the walking tour of the community and that will be reported tomorrow morning. Blanket No Trespassing forms are available at the Sheriff's Office if anyone would like to have the Sherriff's Office involved in keeping people off of their vacant property. Because it is a blanket notice, anyone found on your property that is not a resident would be warned the first time and then arrested the second time. Panhandling is illegal and you can report any incidents to the Sherriff's Office. The number to report any

non-emergency incidents is 639-0013. Questions from the audience were taken following Ms. Phillips' presentation.

Parmely Street Design Plans – Chris Beers from Johnson Engineering presented an overview of the plans. 90% plans will be available to the Committee. In order to assist in slowing down traffic along the street, 4-way stops will be installed at Parmely and Central and Parmely and Seneca. A Gateway entrance sign will be installed at the Parmely and US41 Intersection, on the south-bound side. Decorative streetlights and signage are also included in the project design. Debrah Forester, noted that staff is looking for consensus at tonight's meeting regarding the 4-way stops. The audience in attendance (approximately 50) agreed that having the 4-way stops would be a good addition to the neighborhood and should help to slow down traffic.

Harbor Walk Update – Debrah Forester announced that the Harbor Walk Phase 1A project would begin on May 18, 2015 and is scheduled to be completed by March 2016. The project is a signature project for the CRA and one we hope will bring private investors into the area. Ms. Forester noted that during construction the public would not be allowed to fish or have access to the area. She asked that everyone help to spread the information. Ms. Forester also noted that Phase 1B was at 60% completed and being reviewed by FDOT. Phase 1B will provide the fishing pier and the elevated boardwalk which will connect the east and west sides of US41. Staff is not planning a ground-breaking ceremony but will plan for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Questions from the audience were addressed. Everyone appeared to be very happy to hear the project was going to begin.

Revitalization Plan and Comprehensive Plan Changes – Matt Trepal stated the Comp Plan changes were sent to the State for review in March and comments are expected shortly. Final adoption is tentatively planned for the May 26th Board of County Commissioners meeting. The first draft of revisions to the Land Development Code to implement the comprehensive plan changes has been completed and will be distributed to the Committee and discussed at the May meeting. Questions from the audience were addressed.

Whidden Park – Chairman Herston noted that the Committee has held several meetings with the property owners in Whidden Park over the past year. The issues are complicated because the roads were not accepted by the County for maintenance. Some roads are deeded to the County but do not meet County standards for maintenance. The Committee is working with the property owners to establish a new property owners association that could work on bringing the roads up to standards. It was noted that the location for the park is excellent and FDOT and the County are working on expanding Harbor View Road to 4 lanes which will provide direct access to I-75. Questions from the audience were addressed.

IX. New Business

Draft Annual Report – Debrah Forester referenced the draft annual report that was attached to the Committee's meeting packet. Ms. Forester asked the Committee to review the report and provide her with any comments or changes by April 13. The final report will be filed with the Board of County Commissioners on April 28.

Correspondence/Communications - The following items was included in the meeting packet:

- Bayshore Park Update – Ms. Forester referenced the summary attached to the Committee's meeting packets. Shoreline Stabilization Project - Garland Wilson asked for clarification on the plans and permitting. Mike Koenig provided more information regarding the plan of action. The SWFWMD permit was still open and will allow Community Services to do some of the work required. USA Corps of Engineers will

require a new permit and it is anticipated that the permitting process will be lengthy due to the Smalltooth Sawfish that are located in the waterways.

- Land Use Symposium – Debrah Forester referenced the flyer included in the committee packets and noted that those interested in knowing more about Florida planning and zoning were invited to attend the May 8 symposium.

Public Comments –
Clif Kewley raised a concern regarding the kayak launch at the end of the park. Due to the low tide and the rocks in the area in is difficult to access the launch. Mike Koenig expanded that is one of the areas that they will be addressed during the shoreline stabilization project.

Other questions were raised regarding parking along Bayshore Road - some people who are using the playground are parking in the road right of way and it becomes dangerous. A suggestion was made to add signs that would direct people to the other parking areas near the playground. Mike Koenig will review.

X. Staff Comments –
Debrah Forester noted that the Board of County Commissioners has decided not to include Commissioner Comments as a regular item on any advisory committee meeting agenda; that topic will no longer be on the agenda.

XI. Attorney Comments - None.

XII. Member Comments -
Chairman Herston asked Commissioner Deutsch if he had any comments. Commissioner Deutsch thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked the Advisory Committee for their dedication and service to the community. He also mentioned the progress that has taken place in the Charlotte Harbor CRA and recognized the changes to stop open containers in the park and the development of the playground as helping to turn around the area. He also acknowledged the contribution by several agencies to get the Harbor Walk project funded which has allowed the construction to begin.

XIII. Next Meeting Date
The next regular meeting of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee will be held on May 4**, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.**

XIV. Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Ventola

Charlotte Ventola, Secretary

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Approved: 5·4·2015

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

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DATE: Monday, April 06, 2015 **CASE #:**

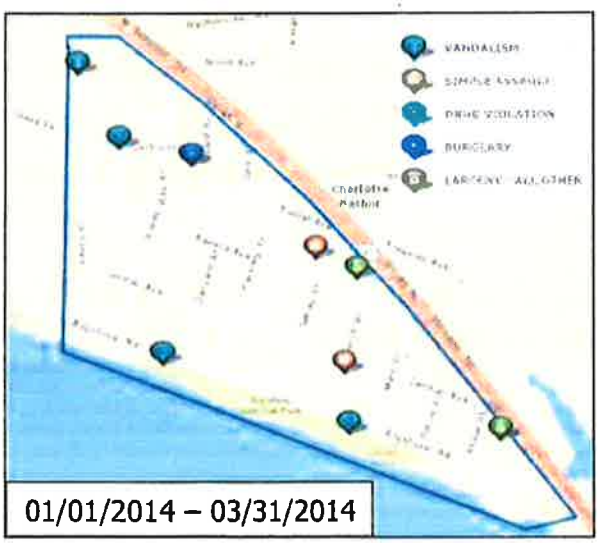
Charlotte Harbor Area Incidents
January 01, 2015 to March 31, 2015

In the first three months of 2015, there was a total of 8 Crimes Against Persons or Property Crime incidents in the area shown on the map at right.

Crime	Total
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2
CREDIT CARD/ATM FRAUD	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1
SIMPLE ASSAULT	2
THEFT - OTHER	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	1
Grand Total	**8**

During the same three month period of 2014, there were a total of 9 Crimes Against Persons or Property Crime incidents in the same area.

Crime	Total
BURGLARY	1
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	2
DRUGS/NARCOTICS	2
SIMPLE ASSAULT	2
THEFT - OTHER	2
Grand Total	**9**



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