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MURDOCK VILLAGE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, October 27, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

18501 Murdock Circle, Suite 302, Port Charlotte, FL

Members Present

Andy Dodd, *Chair, Member at Large*
Erik Howard, *Vice Chair, General Contractor*
Gary Bayne, *Member at Large*
Alice Esposito, *Member at Large*
Marie LaBrosse, *Property Owner*
George Wester, *Real Estate*

Staff/Present

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch
Paul Payette, Real Estate Services
David Milligan, Facilities, Construction & Maintenance
Matt Trepal, Community Development
Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager
Kathy Knee, Recorder

Members Absent

I. Call to Order

Andy Dodd, Chair, called the October 27, 2014 meeting of the Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee to order at 5:00 p.m. in Suite 302 of the SunTrust Building, 18501 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Chairman Dodd asked Alice Esposito to introduce herself; the other committee members also introduced themselves.

II. Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Debrah Forester asked that the Sales Tax Presentation be added as the first item on the Agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes – *A Motion was presented by Erik Howard, seconded by Marie LaBrosse and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting, as written.*

David Milligan explained the sales tax extension that is on the November ballot, giving a brief history and an overview of proposed projects.

IV. Old Business

- US41 Widening Project Update – Debrah Forester announced that a construction company, Diamond Construction, was hired. Work will begin in 2015 and should take 2 years to complete. FDOT was asked to keep Ms. Forester updated on the progress of this project.
- Marketing Efforts – Ms. Forester noted that County staff is continuing to market to industrial leaders and at site selection shows. Ms. Forester attended the Shopping Center Show in Orlando during the summer and Murdock Village was featured at her display table. People are looking at Murdock Village and seem interested. It was suggested that Mattamy Homes be contacted; Gary Bayne may have contact info. Marie LaBrosse noted the film industry is interested in the area.

V. New Business

- 2015 Meeting Schedule – Debrah Forester noted the 2015 meeting schedule was included in the meeting packet. The Committee Members reviewed the scheduled dates. If a special meeting is ever needed it can be called.
- Tim Shepard - Debrah Forester advised that Tim Shepard sent in a resignation letter. He held the Banking & Finance seat. Applications are available.

VI. Attorney's Comments – Not present at today's meeting.

VII. Commissioner Comments – None.

VIII. Public Comments –

Joe Tiseo suggested marketing Murdock Village nationally or internationally. Ms. Forester noted that Lucienne Pear travels to events attended by both national and international businesses. Paul Payette mentioned the Murdock Village property was on LoopNet for a few years; there were hits but nothing happened. Mr. Tiseo suggested the sale of Murdock Village should be handled by someone who is in the business of marketing even if a commission must be paid. Mr. Payette advised that the County must follow Florida Statutes because the Murdock Village property is in a CRA.

Joan Fisher stated she heard there was supposed to be an announcement about something going on in Murdock Village but has not heard anything yet. Commissioner Deutsch noted it sometimes takes longer than expected. Ms. Fisher mentioned that she liked Mr. Tiseo's suggestion about marketing as well as the Ms. LaBrosse comment on the film industry.

IX. Staff Comments – None.

X. Member Comments – None.

XI. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Murdock Village CRA Advisory Committee will be held on **Monday, January 12, 2015, 5:00 p.m.**, at the EDO Conference Room.

XII. Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Dodd, Chair

Approved: _____ 01/12/2015