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**PLANTATION GATEWAY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 20, 2021 \* 11:00 a.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/Roll:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hooley

Members Present: Kevin Bingham  
Kenneth Anson  
Dean Bromante  
Natasha DeWitt  
Mike Hooley, Jr.

Members Absent: Dwight Brady  
Grant Einhorn

Also Present: Dan Holmes, Director of Planning, Zoning & Economic Development  
Glen Hall, Redevelopment Administrator  
Lynn Stoner, Mayor  
Carole Morris, Assistant City Administrator  
Jason Nunemaker, Chief Administrative Officer  
Karen Freidman, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Councilmember Timothy Fadgen  
Mike Schneider, S. Holding Company  
Kiamesha Ausmore-Reid, City Clerk Admin Asst  
April Beggerow, City Clerk (Zoom)  
Lt. Rudy Brown, Police (Zoom)  
Chad Fowler, Police Chief (Zoom)  
Andrew Riddle (Zoom)  
Susan DiLaura, Planning and Zoning (Zoom)  
Councilmember Denise Horland (Zoom)  
Councilmember Nick Sortal (Zoom)

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Members went about the room and introduced themselves.

**3. BROWARD MPO UPDATE**

Ms. Morris mentioned section 3 & section 8 of the agenda will be combine during Ms. Freidman presentation. She introduces Andrew Riddle during her announcement.

Ms. Freidman briefly spoke about Broward MPO explaining what the company will be assisting The City with and assessments on some short-term and long-term projects. Ms. Friedman gave a presentation regarding the Broward MPO and Gateway Policing Plan Updates. Please see the attached presentation.

Ms. Freidman explained they are looking to do some assessments for short-term improvements on some streets that include NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street from State Rd 7 to East of the Turnpike and NW 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue. As well as Nob Hill Road, Cleary Blvd and three streets in the mid-town area and Cypress Road. Part of the assessment includes engaging with the communities and understanding what matters to the residents, the business owners and the other stallholders. There is a Community Survey that is now available via Survey Monkey.

Ms. Morris adds the survey will be going out on social media and the city's website to advise everyone there is a survey, the board is just getting a first look at it now.

Ms. Freidman continues with the description of the length of the survey and explained they are looking to understand on how the stallholders are moving around in this community. Are they primarily using their own vehicle? Are they transit riders? Would they be interested in using a community shuttle; if so, for what purposes? What improvements the residents will like to see in terms of transportation? This is a multi-mobile transportation plan and safety is the number one priority with their partners.

Mr. Hooley Jr asked where on NW 5<sup>th</sup> street and NW 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue, is there a map of that?

Ms. Freidman state I apologize I don't have a map available.

Ms. Morris added to the presentation the benefits of having Broward MPO and partnership with the County, the State and AFDot. They are starting to layer in their plans that they have for the City of Plantation. Once we come out of this master plan with a full picture of what the transportation is going to look like within the city and where are needs are met.

Mr. Hall asked what incentives are you offering the residence and businesses to respond?

Ms. Morris respond at this point we really just focused on launching it to see what type of responses we get.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 24, 2021 GATEWAY BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes approved by unanimous consent

#### **5. GATEWAY FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2021**

Mr. Holmes presented the Financial Report as of August 31<sup>st</sup> for the fiscal year, attached to the minutes, current year additions/deletions, revenues and expenditures. He reported the expenditures are normal and revenues have some delinquency but they are right where we are typically are as of August 31<sup>st</sup> in terms of revenue. The assets and liability are equaling out. Please see attached.

Mr. Hooley Jr stated what he wants to start focus on is how we are going to spend the money. Mr. Hooley asked Mr. Hall, what is the next campaign we are going to have for improve our infrastructure, our safety, our security & our policing? What are the things we are going to do to improve the district?

Mr. Schneider asked what is the total fund?

Mr. Holmes replied with the referral of the financial report. If you look at the total revenue projected, and there are expenditures. Expenditures address the typical electricity, water, wastewater, the ground, maintenance, advertising, printing & binding, promotional material and things of that sort.

Ms. DeWitt asked why is that all coming out of The City's budget, when the business owners are paying their regular taxes?

Mr. Holmes clarifies Ms. Dewitt question.

Ms. DeWitt replied yes, why is the City budgeting for this when the business owners are paying their taxes for this?

Mr. Holmes responded when the gateway was built it was made with additionally expenditures and continued on with why there are additional expenditures.

Mr. Hooley also explained to Mr. Schneider that the expenditures is an old age conversation as to why the cost is transferred to the Gateway. I don't know if we can win that battle, he stated, but we can control those expenses. I think the Mayor has been very good to us, she has reduced some of our landscaping expenses. Instead of picking a fight on that one, I would like to know what are the things we can do with the CRA and Gateway funds to improve further, he asked? We are the ways we can invest this money and are your ideas?

Mr. Holmes respond that Mr. Hall has been out to talk to all of you. And there's were a couple of meetings with Administration and talked about some of the project they want to look at.

Mr. Nunemaker added we would love to hear your feedback, just put somethings on the table and we can take it and price it. One of our biggest interests is cleaning up the crime, like license plate readers. Security is a big issue for this district obviously, two things we looking into is Rekor and Vigilant. They offer records so we can record criminal activity and this can be much more robust, I think the Vigilant cost is around \$204,000 and Rekor is about \$80,000. Unfortunately, we cannot just purchase this system, we have to put in a bid and this is in the procurement process right now.

Mr. Hooley stated he wants to know what is the cash in bank? What are the total assets in the CRA and Gateway? I want everyone in this room to understand those two things. I want the city to give us a plan? I want a security grant, license plate reader, better infrastructure with beautification, improve our sidewalks and replace an old tree. I want a five-layer plan and that's a million dollars and the good news is you guys have 1.6 million in CRA. That is the type of information we need to share at this meeting.

Mr. Bromante suggested we spend some money on another police officer to patrol the district, as two officers in that district in my opinion is not enough.

Mayor Stoners asked the Captain Fowler & Officer Brown on zoom if they have any comments as to having additional police staffing in the area.

Captain Fowler stated we can look into the additional staffing; this is the first time of me hearing this suggestion and will look into it. He also commented LPR system is proactive and connects to a real time alert so if the bad guy is here the LPR will alert us immediately and shows the bad guy is here. And we can go in and address that person before they commit a crime in the district.

Mr. Hooley asked Captain Fowler, are you the guy that approve and sign the contract for the LPR system?

Captain Fowler replied yes, I am doing all the research and LPR contract is over in procurement right now and the bid closes on December 7<sup>th</sup>. At which point we can finish the procurement process and when we have a winner that process will continue.

Mr. Hooley asked Captain Fowler by December 16<sup>th</sup>, can you come sit with us and tell us so we can bring this to a conclusion about the LPR system. If you need a vote from this board, we will be in a position to vote, can you do that?

Captain Fowler responded I will have to get with procurement to find out what are timelines.

Mayor Stoner replied to Captain Fowler, your response is yes.

Mr. Hooley requested that Captain Fowler be in the next meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> in person to discuss the LPR system presentation and we will make a decision. And do we have a Gateway officer only assigned to the Gateway?

Mr. Bromante confirmed, we should have two.

Office Brown responded; we currently have two officers whose sole responsibility is to only patrol the Gateway corridors.

Mr. Hooley asked Captain Fowler to speak to the Chief to figure out how we can have more officers patrolling. We have some bad actors on the east side that I deal with every day and we need more of a deterrent. Can you evaluate that and in the next meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> give us a presentation about staffing?

Captain Fowler responded, absolutely!

Mr. Bromante stated, I want this LPR system to work but I don't want to see the LPR used for other places. The homeless frequent more now that the Plantation Inn is closed.

Mr. Hooley asked Captain Fowler this LPR is for Peters Road to Sunrise Blvd correct?

Captain Fowler replied 100%!

Mr. Hooley stated Captain Fowler to lead the discussion about LPR and staffing.

Sgt Brown stated I can give a criminal statistics report, as thief and vehicle burglary is the prevalent issue. There are weekly briefs provide to the officers from the crime analysis in efforts to reduce crime by applying resources at key locations. Since the last meeting, they have witnessed an increase in our homeless population in the Gateway region. Our officers have many resources at their disposal that can be provided to the homeless should they want help.

Mr. Hooley asked Mr. Hall if he can provide a list of things and share it at the next meeting and will he be prepared to do that?

Mr. Hall replied I already have a list but I will refer with staff and administration by then.

## **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Holmes reported there is nothing new in terms of development updates, we still have some ongoing projects. Plantation Palms (ALF) on 1019 South State Rd 7 is looking for a date when the development for this project can start. Arkham apartments is a new project on 4281 Peters Road, this project will be going to the Planning and Zoning Board for review. 551 Medical Bldg. at 551 N State Road 7 in Review Committee. Planation Circle K is in Review Committee. New Retail Building on 201 S State Road 7 was just submitted to the Review Committee.

Mr. Hooley asked Mr. Holmes at the next meeting can you have the development listing printed out, list of any properties within the district that are for sale and a map of the properties that are being discussed.

Mr. Holmes agreed and would try to get a map to view with the numbers that is associated with the numbers listed next to each property. Mr. Holmes added he is working on a map of phrases in Planning and Zoning of the properties status and the map will be available to anyone in the city.

Mr. Hooley asked about the hospital and if they are talking about moving again.

Mr. Nunemaker replied the hospital will transition into just an ER and that will happen in the near future.

Mr. Hooley asked to have somethings on the agenda

- Discuss on expenses, cash in bank for Gateway and CRA. The money that we have and the money that is available to spend, led by Dan Holmes.
- The start of our projects wish list. This is a living document and every meeting we can see the list, led by Glen Hall.
- Captain Fowler will have a whole discussion on policing, the LPR which we will vote on it and a staffing conversation.
- Initial framework for the security grant, and wants to name is the Michael E. Hooley Security Grant.
- Want one of the two Gateway officers to physically attend the meeting.
- Want a code enforcement officer into the meeting as well to get a presentation of an audit of Gateway prior to the time that they come to the meeting, led by Glen Hall.

- Development update, mapped and list of properties for sale.
- Samira Shalan was requested to come to the next meeting to give an introduction and an audit of the whole lighting project on State Road 7 and needs the audit prior to coming to the meeting.

He states some for the request to be standard in each meeting starting will how much cash is in the bank, what available to spend, what is the expense for Gateway. Mr. Hooley adds he would like to go back to having meetings at the Jim Ward Center and want to make the meetings more productive. Mr. Hooley recognized the Councilmembers Denise Horland, Nick Sortal and Timothy Fadgen for joining the meeting.

Councilman Sortal inquired about the strip mall on Broward Blvd and State Road 7 and wanted any updates.

Mr. Hooley and Mayor Stoners replied the owner is not selling that property.

Councilman Sortal inquired about Rogers Garage having too many vehicles for parking.

#### **6. GATEWAY POLICING PLAN UPDATE**

#### **7. MULTI-MODEL MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN SURVEY**

This section is covered in section 4, please see attached slide.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was scheduled for December 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

#### **RECORD ENTRY:**

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April L. Beggerow, MPA, MMC, City Clerk