



**MT. PLYMOUTH-SORRENTO COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 13, 2015 MEETING MINUTES
J.A. CROSON OFFICES – CONFERENCE ROOM
31550 COUNTY ROAD 437, SORRENTO, FLORIDA 32776**

CALL TO ORDER – The January 13, 2015 meeting of the Lake County Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento Community Redevelopment Advisory (CRA) Committee began at 6:11 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE:

<p><u>Members/Staff Attending:</u> Dave Croson, Property Owner in Planning Area Christine Thompson, Property Owner in Planning Area Frances Nipe, Resident/Property Owner within 3-miles, Vice Chairman Thomas A. Van de Kieft, Resident/Property Owner within 3-miles Timothy J. Bailey, Resident/Property Owner within 3-miles, Chairman Commissioner Leslie Campione, BCC Liaison Dottie Keedy, Director, Community Services Department Bill Veach, Deputy County Manager Linda Green, Office Associate V, Community Services Department</p>	<p><u>Members/Staff – Not Attending</u> Frances Geddes, Property Owner in Planning Area Matthew Matulia, Property Owner in Planning Area</p> <hr/> <p><u>Others Attending:</u> Bob Otten Mike Dickerson Cecil Bodiford Betty Ann Christian Virginia Loomis Earl Hammond Maggie Fisher Duane Booth, BESH</p>
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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested each person to introduce themselves and share what they want they would do if they were Mayor of the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento area.

Chair Bailey remarked that he had heard that the state was receiving \$2 billion from Documentary Stamps and questioned if Lake County could earmark some of that money for water and sewer within the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the October 14, 2014 Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA Committee and the November 18, 2014 Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA Community Meeting minutes, as presented, was made by Frances Nipe, seconded by Thomas Van de Kieft, and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUMARIZE COMMUNITY MEETING INPUT:

Ms. Dottie Keedy shared that there was a good turnout of citizens at the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA Community meeting held on November 18, 2014 at Sorrento Elementary School. She noted that the statements the residents shared on the white board at the meeting were reflective of what the Committee is currently envisioning for the area. She mentioned that the proposed name for renaming State Road 46 with the most votes was Sorrento Avenue.

Mr. Thomas A. Van de Kieft commented that he likes the way the CRA is pulling the community together in a positive way.

Ms. Virginia Loomis remarked that she appreciated the meeting and felt that it was well put together.

FINALIZE DESIGN STANDARDS INFORMATION:

Ms. Frances Nipe summarized the proposed Design Guidelines. She reviewed a Comparison Table she created with those present. She noted that the Table compares the regulations of Lake County (including the section that covers the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento area) and the City of Mt. Dora.

Ms. Nipe noted that the sign regulations should be separate from the Design Guidelines because they are regulations. At this time a brief discussion ensued concerning smaller “garage sale” type signs and the need for them to be removed from the roadways on a regular basis and to have the county look into an enhanced enforcement of removal of such signage.

A member of the audience brought up that he would like to see a turn arrow on red placed on the traffic signal at CR 437 and SR 44. Ms. Keedy noted that she would ask the Public Works Department to look into that request.

Commissioner Leslie Campione mentioned that there is an upcoming training session concerning “Keep America Beautiful” campaign and invited the CRA members and anyone who is interested to attend the kick-off meeting. The meeting will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Lake County Emergency Communications & Operations Center, 425 W. Alfred Street, Tavares.

Ms. Nipe shared that the City of Mt. Dora guidelines address Mixed Use which may also apply to Residential. She further discussed Design Guidelines for Commercial, Industrial,

Office Districts, and Trails and what those would include. She also noted that the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento Design Guidelines in the Lake County Land Development Regulations should be part of the Design Guidelines for the CRA Design Guidelines.

Ms. Nipe noted concerns with gated communities and that they may negatively impact pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to parks, facilities, and other neighborhoods.

Commissioner Campione shared that the Board of County Commissioners recently removed the gated community's restriction in the Comprehensive Plan therefore they are now allowed.

Mr. Van de Kieft mentioned that the committee previously discussed keeping gated communities out of the CRA planning area.

A motion to authorize staff to move forward with developing CRA Design Guidelines modeled after the City of Mt. Dora's Design Guidelines, not including signage, and that the current Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento Design Guidelines in the Land Development Regulations be included in the CRA Design Guidelines, was made by Frances Nipe, seconded by Christine Thompson, and the motion was carried unanimously.

It was noted that the audience members present agree with the Committee's action.

DRAFT PRESENTATION TO CRA BOARD ITEMS:

Ms. Keedy shared that there will be a presentation made to the CRA Board on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 (*Note: Presentation was moved to Tuesday, February 24, 2015*) to discuss the recent Community Meeting held by the Committee and for approval to move forward with developing the Design Standards. She added that she will also be working with Griffey Engineering on the SR 46 Conceptual Plan.

Chair Bailey mentioned he would like historic signage be placed in the historic areas within the CRA.

Ms. Keedy stated that she will also be discussing CRA reporting requirements with the CRA Board.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Chair Bailey encouraged all current Committee members to reapply if they wish to remain on the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA Advisory Committee and shared that any others who are interested may also apply.

Ms. Keedy briefly reported on the progression of the Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) with the City of Mt. Dora and Lake County and noted that a staff meeting was held where the Interlocal Service Boundary Area (ISBA) process was discussed. She added that Mt. Dora provided a map in which they have changed the boundaries and they are considering

expanding up to the CRA. Commissioner Campione shared that she is opposed to that change.

Commissioner Campione shared that some projects in the area that may be considered are the Wolfbranch Sink, East Lake Park Sewer Connection, and a Central Waste/Water Feasibility Study.

Duane Booth conveyed that there may be some Beautification funding available for SR 46 if another entity doesn't utilize it.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought to the attention of the Committee, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. was made by Frances Nipe, seconded by Christine Thompson, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Prepared By:



Linda Green
Office Associate V

February 2, 2015
Date