

1 The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board held a regular
2 meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Bethel Baptist Church, 1407 Enterprise
3 Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Joseph Darrisaw, Chairperson, called the
4 meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

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6 **ROLL CALL**

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8 The following members answered to roll call:

9 Joseph Darrisaw

10 Melvin Brown

11 Gwendolyn Lee Jenkins Rainge

12 Mildred White

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15 Jacqueline Dianna Wadley and Jacquelyn Morgan were absent.

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17 Also present was Gail Henrikson, Planning Manager, Pastor Pete Carter, Yvonne
18 Jefferson, and Carol Baker.

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20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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22 **Regular meeting held September 22, 2011**

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24 **Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms.**
25 **Rainge. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0, on a voice vote.**

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27 **NEW BUSINESS**

28 A. **Presentation by Pastor Walter Hill on Status of Boxing Program**

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30 Pastor Walter Hill addressed the Board. He stated that he wanted to continue to move
31 forward with the CDBG funding for the boxing program and stated that he was working
32 on becoming a 501(c)3 organization.

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34 Pastor Hill stated that he had been conducting the boxing program at the Housing
35 Authority and had had an exhibition that past Saturday.

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37 There was general discussion between the Board and Pastor Hill regarding the activities
38 of the boxing program and the paperwork required to become a 501(c)3 organization.
39 The question was posed as to whether the Housing Authority was considered a 501(c)3
40 organization and, if it was, could the boxing program operate under their non-profit
41 status.

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43 Pastor Hill asked the Board how long he had to spend this money.

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45 Ms. Henrikson stated that he had until September 30, 2012.

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47 Pastor Hill stated that he would meet with Brian Clark at the Housing Authority next
48 week and get back with staff on the outcome.

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2 B. Presentation by Wonzel Morris on Status of Track Program and Reallocation of
3 Track and Boxing Funds

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5 Mr. Darrisaw stated that Mr. Morris would not be present as he was in Daytona Beach.
6 Mr. Darrisaw stated that Mr. Morris' response to the Board was included in the packet.

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8 Ms. Henrikson addressed the Board. She stated that Mr. Morris had requested that the
9 funds be reallocated.

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11 Ms. Rainge asked why Mr. Morris left New Smyrna Beach.

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13 Ms. Henrikson stated that her understanding was that there conflicts between him and
14 PAL but that she didn't know the details. She stated that when she contacted PAL
15 about taking over the track program, they were hesitant because they were afraid that
16 they wouldn't be able to draw in at least 51% low- to moderate-income kids because of
17 the disagreement between Mr. Morris and PAL.

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19 Mr. Brown asked why PAL would have to take over an already successful program?

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21 Ms. Henrikson stated that Mr. Morris had the same issue as Pastor Hill in that his track
22 program was not a 501(c)3 organization.

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24 Ms. Rainge stated that the communication between City employees and people trying to
25 run programs is not as good as it could be. She stated that Mr. Morris could not even
26 get a track to practice on. She stated that the community needed to get behind these
27 local problems that worked with kids who were at risk.

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29 Yvonne Jefferson addressed the Board. She stated that Mr. Morris is a native of New
30 Smyrna Beach and the City needs to back its local talent.

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32 Mr. Brown asked why Mr. Morris couldn't use Pettis Park for practices.

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34 Ms. Rainge stated that she understood that Mr. Morris was not allowed to use the high
35 school track and could use the middle school track, but only if he paid. She stated that
36 when he went to Pettis Park, someone in the City asked him to stop using the public
37 park for practices.

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39 Mr. Darrisaw asked whether the Board wanted to continue this discussion until Mr.
40 Morris could be contacted to see if he would even be interested in coming back to New
41 Smyrna Beach.

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43 **Motion by Ms. White, seconded by Ms. Rainge, to continue discussion on the**
44 **reallocation of the track program funds until such time as the Board had all the**
45 **facts regarding the history of the track program and why it was no longer in**
46 **operation in New Smyrna Beach. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0, on a voice**
47 **vote.**

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2 Carol Baker, 532 North Myrtle Avenue, asked the Board whether the CDBG-funded
3 track team would be in addition to the track team already established at the high school.

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5 Mr. Brown asked if there was a deadline for when the Board needed to make a
6 decision.

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8 Mr. Darrisaw stated that a decision could be made at the November meeting.

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10 C. Advertisement for Notice of Anticipated Funding Availability
11 Ms. Henrikson addressed the Board.

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13 **Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Rainge, to continue discussion of this**
14 **item until the November Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0, on a**
15 **voice vote.**

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17 D. Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates and Times

18 Mr. Darrisaw stated that he had spoken with Ms. Wadley and that she had informed him
19 that generally, Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. were a good time for the Board
20 members, with regard to her schedule.

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22 The consensus of the Board members was that the third Thursday of the month at 6:00
23 p.m. was the best time for the Board meetings.

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25 The Board discussed the location of the meetings and asked staff to check on the
26 availability of the Babe James Community Center and the Minerva Center.

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28 Pastor Pete Carter, 1407 Enterprise Avenue, stated that the church was always
29 available for the Board to use as a back-up location.

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31 **Motion by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Brown, to set the regular meeting date and**
32 **time for the CDBG Advisory Board meetings as the third Thursday of the month**
33 **at 6:00 p.m. The location of the meetings should be the Babe James Community**
34 **Center, with the Minerva Center as a secondary location and Bethel Baptist**
35 **Church as a third back-up location. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0, on a voice**
36 **vote.**

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38 COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

39 Mr. Brown asked the Board to consider only using CDBG funds on projects that are
40 west of Myrtle Avenue. He stated that projects east of Myrtle Avenue might be located
41 within the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) district and that CRA funds could
42 potentially be used for projects in those areas.

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44 The Board discussed the various projects suggested by Mr. Brown. One item
45 suggested by the Board was to use CDBG funds to purchase properties around Pettis
46 Park for additional parking.

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1 Ms. Rainge stated that she was more interested in using CDBG funds for projects that
2 improved the lives and minds of the residents and was less interested in bricks and
3 mortar projects.

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5 Ms. Rainge then read an email from Donna Banks, regarding the tutoring and mentoring
6 opportunities associated with the Senior Stipend Program. She stated that her concern
7 was that the wording of the email appeared to minimize the role that Ms. Hudson had in
8 creating and operating the program.

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10 There was general discussion among the Board members about how the advertisement
11 was written. The Board also expressed concerns about ensuring that any seniors that
12 receive the senior stipend are from the Historic Westside Neighborhood.

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14 **Motion by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Brown, to require any service organization**
15 **that receives CDBG funding, to notify the Boar before any advertisements or**
16 **public notices are sent out. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0, on a voice vote.**

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18 Pastor Carter addressed the Board and stated that it was possible that the motion the
19 Board had just made might not be legally defensible. He stated that he believed this
20 requirement should have been included in the call for projects and not placed on
21 applicants after they had agreed to a certain set of rules for receiving the money.

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23 Mr. Darrisaw suggested that the Board *request* notification, rather than requiring it.

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25 There was general discussion about the role of the CDBG Advisory Board and its
26 limitations.

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28 Ms. Henrikson stated that language requesting public service organizations to provide
29 the Board with a courtesy copy of all notices and advertisements could be included in
30 the subrecipient agreement between the City and the organization.

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32 REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BY THE STAFF

33 Ms. Henrikson provided the Board with an update on the teen stipend program operated
34 by KC Society. She stated that the subrecipient agreement between KC Society and
35 City had expired on September 30, 2011.

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37 There was general discussion among the Board members regarding participation of KC
38 Society members in the upcoming November 5th job fair.

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40 **Motion by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Brown, to allow KC Society**
41 **representatives until October 31, 2011 to submit a letter requesting an extension**
42 **of the subrecipient agreement. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0, on a voice vote.**

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44 Mr. Darrisaw asked whether the Board wanted to take any action on Mr. Brown's
45 recommendations this evening.

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1 Ms. White stated that it would be better to wait until whether the Board knew what was
2 happening with the teen stipend program, so the Board would know how much money
3 was available.

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5 **Motion by Ms. White, seconded by Ms. Rainge, that the Board continue**
6 **discussion about reallocating funds from the track and teen stipend programs**
7 **until such time as the Board had all the information they needed and the**
8 **applicants had time to submit needed information. Motion passed unanimously,**
9 **4-0, on a voice vote.**

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11 ADJOURNMENT

12 With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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