

**CITY OF PALMETTO
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2017
2:00 PM**

Board Members Present:

Barbara Gaulien, Vice Chair
David Washington

Board Members Absent:

Roberto Gonzalez, Chair

Staff Present:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Amber LaRowe, Assistant City Clerk

Vice Chair Gaulien called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CRA ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mr. Washington moved, Mrs. Gaulien seconded, and the motion carried 2-0 to approve the July 11, 2017 CRA Advisory Board agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Washington moved, Mrs. Gaulien seconded, and the motion carried 2-0 to approve the March 14, 2017 CRA Advisory Board minutes.

4. 2017-2018 COMMUNITY POLICING INNOVATION PLAN

Chief Tyler reviewed the Community Policing Innovation Plan (CPIP) as attached in the agenda. He also reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the Board. His Plan shows a small decline between 2015 to 2016 in the number of Part 1 incidents (murder, robbery, assault, etc.) in the CRA and in the City overall. The City's overall crime rate (per 100,000) is 4.85 percent. Chief explained that since 2012, Part 1 crimes have decreased by about 5.6 percent Citywide and have decreased by about 6.6 percent in the CRA.

Chief Tyler stated that the officers that are dedicated to the CRA routinely patrol and stay within the CRA boundaries. He discussed the community policing model that the Police Department uses, stating this is why, he believes, crime is going down. Officers routinely go out in the community and talk to the residents and follow up on questions and other items. They are not sitting in their cars driving by, but instead, can be seen walking around and talking to people.

Programs that the CRA officers have initiated include a children's fishing tournament and back to school event at the Palmetto Youth Center. Patrol of MLK Park has been intensified due to the recent vandalism and theft; this increased patrol has led to a rapport with the surrounding neighbors who are calling more

to report suspicious activity. With the increase of auto burglaries occurring at night in the CRA district, Ward 1, officers stepped up bicycle violation enforcement. Because of the intimidating nature this might pose on the residents being stopped, officers explained the burglaries in the area and what they were trying to do.

Also attached to the agenda today was a survey written with the help of the University of South Florida Community Sustainability Partnership Program. This survey was sent out to the community and to focus groups that were held. Mrs. Gaulien commented on the survey, saying that there is definitely a difference between what is reality and what is resident's perception.

Many thanks were given to Chief and his officers for their proactive community support.

No motion was needed, this item will be adopted formally at the next meeting along with the CRA FY2017-2018 budget.

Mrs. Gaulien asked how the hotel was coming along by the Civic Center. Mr. Burton stated that negotiations are still taking place with the City Attorney working on documents.

The next CRA Advisory Board meeting will be held on August 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in these Chambers.

Vice Chair Gaulien adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 8, 2017

Jeff Burton

Jeff Burton, CRA Director