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***POMPANO BEACH RESIDENTIAL ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)***

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES *(Approved by RAB on November 6, 2019)***

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Pat Larkin Community Center  
520 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pompano Beach Florida  
Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 | 6:30 PM  
Recorded by Sonia Isme

**ATTENDANCE**

The attendance sign-in sheet listed the following:

**BROWARD COUNTY STAFF**

Name & Title	Department / Division / Agency
Andrew J. Meyer, County Attorney	County Attorney's Office
Rene Harrod, Deputy County Attorney	County Attorney's Office
Ralph Stone, Director	Housing Finance & Community Redevelopment Division (HFCRD)
Glenn Amoruso, Senior Program Project Coordinator	Housing Finance & Community Redevelopment Division (HFCRD)
Sonia Isme, Secretary	Housing Finance & Community Redevelopment Division (HFCRD)

**POMPANO BEACH RESIDENTIAL ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)**

Name (Present)
Mayor, Mark D. Bogen, Broward County Commissioner District 2
Vice Mayor, Dale V.C. Holness, Broward County Commissioner, District 9
Lamar P. Fisher, Broward County Commissioner District 4
Pastor Gary E. McLamore, Jesus Supernatural Church of Deliverance, Pompano Beach
Mr. Corey Thompson, Community Activist, Pompano Beach
Pastor Jacques Dumornay, First Haitian Baptist Church, Pompano Beach
Ms. Phyllis Smith, President, Collier City Civic Association, Pompano Beach
Ms. Mary Scofield-Phillips, Push Forward Realty Inc, Pompano Beach
Name (Absent)
Pastor Robert Stanley, Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, Pompano Beach

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES**

Name	Department / Division / Agency
Angela Chin	Broward County HFCRD
Beverly Perkins	Commissioner District 4 - City of Pompano Beach
Carmen Jones	Resident, City of Pompano Beach
Dahlia Baker	Workforce Program Director, City of Pompano Beach
Daniel Miller	Resident, City of Pompano Beach
Danielle Peruzzi	Project Coordinator, City of Pompano Beach
Elizabeth Phillips	Resident, City of Pompano Beach
Greg Harrison	City Manager, City of Pompano Beach
Jerome Turner	Resident, City of Pompano Beach
Kimberly Vazquez	CRA Project Manager, City of Pompano Beach
Marsha Carmichael	CRA Administrative Coordinator, City of Pompano Beach
Mike D'Oliveira	City of Pompano Beach Resident
Miriam Carrillo	Director, OHUI - City of Pompano Beach
Nguyen Tran	CRA Director, City of Pompano Beach
Vincent Wooten	Planner, OHUI, City of Pompano Beach

Rex Hardin	Mayor, City of Pompano Beach
Rhonda Eaton	Commissioner District 2 - City of Pompano Beach
Shelton Pooler	Resident, City of Pompano Beach
Susan Orłowsky	Resident, City of Pompano Beach
Whitney Rawls	Chair, NW CRA Advisory Committee, Pompano Beach

### **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Mark Bogen called the Pompano Beach Residential Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting to order. Mayor Bogen then requested a Roll Call which was conducted by Ms. Sonia Isme. One member of the RAB was ABSENT: **Pastor Robert Stanley**. Following the Roll Call, Mayor Bogen stated there was a lawsuit between Broward County and the City of Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). As part of the settlement agreement, the County would allocate funds (\$10M) within the NW District of the CRA for the purposes of removing slum and blight. He then stated that the RAB was formed for the purpose of making project recommendations to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to use the funds. He reiterated that the RAB has no authority to spend the funds, only to make recommendations.

Following this discussion, Mayor Bogen had each Advisory Board Member briefly introduce themselves.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Following the introduction of members, Commissioner (District 4) Beverly Perkins, City of Pompano Beach stated that she was not formally invited to the meeting and was only made aware through an email. Ms. Perkins felt that as a representative for the residents of Pompano Beach, she should have been offered to serve as part of the Advisory Board.

Mayor Bogen stated that although he would have liked her to be a part of the Advisory Board, it was not allowed (*per the settlement agreement*) to have a Pompano Beach elected official or CRA member serving as a member of the RAB. County Attorney Andrew Meyer confirmed Mayor Bogen's statement for the record. Then there was a brief discussion among the Board members and the County Attorney Meyer as to who qualifies as a member.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A motion was made to nominate Mayor Bogen as Chair of the RAB.

Motions:

1<sup>st</sup> Dale Holness

2<sup>nd</sup> Lamar Fisher

Motion Passed.

A motion was made to nominate Commissioner Lamar Fisher as the Vice Chair of the Advisory Board Meeting.

Motions:

1<sup>st</sup> Dale Holness

2<sup>nd</sup> Phyllis Smith

Motion Passed.

### **Overview of RAB duties and funding-Mayor Bogen**

Mayor Bogen stated that the RAB duties are to identify and help eliminate slum and blight conditions in the Northwest Pompano (CRA area) and to take necessary action for improvements. County Attorney Meyer added that as part of those duties, the RAB has more flexibility and less restrictions than the CRA to use the \$10M in funding.

Following the discussion of RAB duties, County Attorney Meyer stated that the meeting had been “Sunshined” (advertised). He explained the Sunshine Law and stated that it includes reasonable advanced public notice, an accessible venue which is open to the public. Additionally, meeting minutes would be recorded during the meeting. He cautioned the members that any “sidebars” (two or more members discussing) text, or email would be covered by the Sunshine Law, and the public would need advanced notice for that as well. As it relates to Public Records, any documentation used for the meetings “business of the board” are part of the public record.

### **Discussion of Ideas/Uses of Funds**

Mayor Bogen fielded ideas for gaining public input and project ideas. Board Member Phillips stated the importance of providing adequate public input in this process. Vice Mayor Holness stated that he is in favor of holding a public meeting and visiting the areas in need for assessing improvements. Additionally, Mayor Holness believes that the underlying problem of slum and blight in the neighborhoods is due to poverty and formulating solutions to it would help improve the community. He presented a couple pictures of improvements to a single-family home. Commissioner Fisher stated that he agreed with Vice Mayor Holness, however it would be beneficial to capitalize on existing programs to leverage the limited funds for even greater benefits. Mayor Hardin offered city services (buses) to tour the areas.

Future Meetings: Mayor Bogen stated that a future meeting should be scheduled for public comment. It was agreed among Board members that there should be two (2) additional meetings; one for public input and another to review the ideas from the public and Board members.

### **Questions and Recommendations**

**Q.** Mr. Corey Thompson inquired about the duration of the Advisory Board.

**A.** Mayor Bogen stated that he assumed the Board will be in existence until all funds have been exhausted.

**Q.** Mr. Thompson asked a question regarding the depletion funds prior to a project completion.

**A.** Mayor Bogen stated that projects would not be considered or committed to without sufficient funds.

**Q.** Mr. Thompson suggested the possibility of creating a Down-Payment Assistance (DPA) Program with an easier qualification process.

**A.** County Attorney Meyer stated that refining a DPA Program was not out of the question however, the focus of the RAB, is to remove residential slum and blight. Ralph Stone stated DPA helps, but due to the limited amount of funds it would help a limited amount of people.

**Q.** Mr. Shelton Pooler wanted to know what ideas/projects would be considered as part of the leveraging the funds.

**A.** Commissioner Fisher stated an example of a home improvement program that the County funds could be applied to (i.e. leveraging of funds), thus making a greater impact/results within the community.

**Q.** Ms. Phyllis Smith stated that littering in the community needs to be addressed and more trees should be planted. Additionally, she suggested providing assistance with seniors/homeowners struggling with home repairs.

**A.** Mr. Fisher stated that it was his goal for the RAB to help homeowners with repairs and improvements. The focus should be on homeowners more so than rental properties.

**Q.** Ms. Scofield-Phillips stated a focus should also be on rental properties as there is a lot of substandard rental properties in the area and would like to figure out how to address that.

**A.** Vice Mayor Holness stated that one of the goals could be to work with owners of rental properties similar to a program in the Unincorporated Area, which improves rental properties through a funding match incentive, to complete improvements.

**Q.** Mr. Whitney Rawls requested a better explanation of the “residential area”. In addition, can applying for additional federal or state grant dollars a possibility to supplement the \$10M in funding?

**A.** Mayor Bogen stated that the residential area is referred to shaded areas on the map within the “red zone” (boundaries of NW CRA).

**A.** Mr. Stone stated that it would be possible, however funding is very limited and on a competitive basis with all the cities.

**Q.** Mr. Rawls asked if the RAB will assist individuals with job opportunities.

**A.** Vice Mayor Holness stated that when a home repair program is within the community, trying to bring a training program for construction opportunities would be a goal.

Ms. Carmen Jones stated that she is encouraged to see County Commissioners involved in assisting the improvement of the NW region of the City of Pompano Beach.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Mark Bogen at 7:30 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Dale Holness

2<sup>nd</sup> Lamar Fisher