

Manager Nixon welcomed everyone at 6:10pm.

The Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency Board and Advisory Board met to discuss the formulation of an economic development work plan for the Quincy CRA district.

The following were present along with other member of community:

Board: Member Harris, Member Dowdell

Advisory Board: Member Morris, Member Bass-Prieto, Member Milton-Jackson, Member Hannigon

Also present:

Interim CRA Manager Robert Nixon, Attorney Brown

Manager Nixon highlighted the current CRA projects, S. Adams Street renovation, Kelly lot Phase 1 and the senior roofing program, he then yielded the floor to Alex Sink of Quincy Main Street.

Beth Kirkland of the Gadsden County Development Council

Manager Nixon distributed a sheet with questions to assist in the visioning exercise.

Question 1: What is your Vision for economic development in the Quincy CRA District?

Group responses:

- more and more businesses (like Thomasville)
- involve our youth and seniors in the visioning
- work more with the trades to get them involved
- bring the southside up to the standards of the northside
- contact Truelieve regarding future needs and possible related job opportunities
- encourage youth to stay out of trouble, partner with schools and parks/recreation

Question 2: What do you believe are the top economic development priorities for the CRA District?

Group responses:

- improve condition of current buildings
- provide variety/diverse mix
- clean up area
- public safety
- consider the purchase of buildings as an investment to be used as a spring board for businesses
- get an inventory of what's already there

Question 3: What does economic development success look like in the CRA District?

- include indigent
- success is local use of what's here
- businesses must take pride in their shops
- look at a regional opportunity to give people the desire to come

Question 4: What things do you think will attract visitors and patrons to the CRA District?

- coordinate efforts that incorporate youth, seniors, other business entities
- focus some attention on Tanyard Creek
- family activities
- partner with the County; look at the old jail that's not being utilized
- try to find drawings previously done are the area south of Buds

Manager Nixon thanked everyone for their participation, he will compile the data from the night and follow-up with future workshops.

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm.