
The joint workshop was called to order by Interim Manager Nixon at 6:06pm. Everyone was welcomed and thanked for their attendance.

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, FY 2019/20.

The following were present along with other member of community:

Regular Board: Member McMillan, Member Sapp, Member Bass-Prieto

Advisory Board: Member Faircloth, Member Hannigon

Also present:

CRA Manager Robert Nixon, Attorney Brown, City Manager McLean, Admin. Pam Tribue, community leaders and business owners

Member Green enters.

Open Discussion:

Member Bass-Prieto

- Focus on long-term plan
- Concerned about the number of buildings in disrepair
- Concerned about substandard housing

Member Sapp

- Dilapidated houses

Member McMillan

- More jobs with qualified applicants
- School districts
- Create small town lifestyle
- Start with brick and mortar
- Housing downtown

Grace Robinson (Arts Center)

- Choose key properties to stabilize
- Stressed public/partner partnership for housing

Member Green

- Optimistic about the future
- Businesses need to address the needs of the community they serve
- Cost of reviving buildings downtown is very expensive

Beth Cicchetti (GCDC)

- Need to build off who's already there
- Look into Hurricane Michael opportunities

City Manager McLean

- Enjoys working with Manager Nixon
- Opening building to CRA, GCDC and Main Street in an effort to get the key players in one location.
- How to build on what we have?
- Focus on grants, especially for infrastructure.
- How to create ??? entryway/lifestyle?

Member Dowdell enters.

Beth Cicchetti

- Use technology to drive visits/residents to locations.

Member Bass

- Walkable City.
- Need full-service restaurants for afterhours needs.
- Build on what we have
- Complaints about trash, dirty buildings.

City Manager McLean

- Accentuate the positive.

Bernard Piawah

- Interested in long-term plan.
- How to finalize the items in the masterplan.

Manager Nixon

- Create a scorecard.

Stacey Hannigon

- Data driven projects
- Community feedback and input is critical.
- Ask: "Whose attention are we trying to get?"
- Pet peeve on improving the thoroughfare immediate impact.

Beth Cicchetti

- Grant has been written for data collection to find out what the people want in our community.

David Faircloth

- How can we partner with large business owners regarding hemp?

Keith Dowdell

- Ideas are great/keep them alive
- Need to work together
- Need to have more productive meetings
- Thanks to all for coming.

Meeting adjourned 7:26pm.