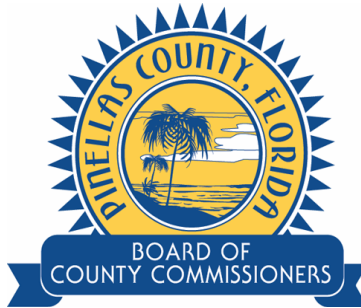


Pinellas County

*315 Court Street
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Minutes - Final

Thursday, March 7, 2019

9:30 AM

Work Session/Agenda Briefing

Clerk's Conference Room, 4th Floor

Board of County Commissioners - Work Session

Karen Williams Seel, Chair

Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair

Dave Eggers

Charlie Justice

Janet C. Long

Kathleen Peters

Kenneth T. Welch

ROLL CALL - 9:31 A.M.

Present: Karen Williams Seel, Chair; Dave Eggers; Charlie Justice; Janet C. Long; Kathleen Peters; and Kenneth T. Welch

Not Present: Pat Gerard, Vice-Chair

Others Present: Barry A. Burton, County Administrator; Jewel White, County Attorney; and Michael Schmidt, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

Chair Seel called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance; whereupon, she related that Item No. 1 would be moved to the end of the agenda.

2. Pinellas County Age Friendly Plan

Human Services Director Daisy Rodriguez referred to a PowerPoint presentation titled *Age Friendly Pinellas* and presented background information and highlights of the County's Age Friendly Action Plan. She related that in April 2017 the County received its Age Friendly Designation from Age Friendly Communities, a joint international effort between the World Health Organization and AARP; and that Pinellas is one of only three counties in Florida to receive the designation.

Ms. Rodriguez presented the eight domains AARP utilizes to define age friendly, noting that the County added two more domains: public safety and security, and emergency management; whereupon, she discussed the following:

- AARP Age Friendly Cycle
- Kickoff Timeline
- County Departments Contributing and Participating
- Pinellas Champions Kickoff
- Outreach Efforts
- AARP Recognition
- Next Steps

Ms. Rodriguez related that the County devised its action plan internally without the assistance of any outside consultant; and that all County departments provided input, with each department defining its own objectives, strategies, and performance measures for each of the ten domains. She noted that department champions were selected for each area; and that champion meetings with directors are held quarterly.

Ms. Rodriguez indicated that as of February 28, the County currently has 54 individual agencies as partners; whereupon, she displayed a copy of the Senior Connections web page and related that the County has presented webinars on how its plan was developed.

Responding to queries by Commissioners Welch and Long, Ms. Rodriguez related that the County has communicated with the Cities of Dunedin and St. Petersburg regarding its Age Friendly Action Plan, but has not reached out to every municipality; whereupon, Commissioner Long suggested bringing the initiative to the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) for presentation at its policy conference in June.

In response to query by Chair Seel, Ms. Rodriguez explained that the plan is in its final stage and is ready for the Board's consideration prior to it being submitted to AARP for approval; whereupon, Chair Seel indicated that it would be good to have the plan approved before it is presented to FAC, and discussion ensued.

In response to query by Commissioner Welch, Ms. Rodriguez related that while the unincorporated communities were not specifically included during the development of the plan, their input will be solicited.

Discussion ensued regarding how to move forward and solicit input from the municipalities; whereupon, the members provided additional comments regarding the item.

3. Lealman CRA Update

Mr. Burton introduced Chris Moore, currently with the Planning Department, and indicated that he will formally assume a new role as Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Manager in April; whereupon, Mr. Moore provided an update on the Lealman area, briefly highlighted 2018 activities, and discussed the following:

- Draft Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report
- CRA Grant Programs
- Lealman Exchange
- March 12 BCC Agenda Items

Mr. Moore related that a proposed affordable homeownership program would provide down payment assistance to homebuyers in the Lealman CRA earning up to 140 percent of the area median income (AMI), noting that typically 80 percent would be the maximum; whereupon, he reviewed the eligibility requirements.

Later in the meeting in response to query by Commissioner Welch, Mr. Moore explained that the minimum for CRA funds would be 81 percent of AMI, where Community Development dollars end at 80 percent; that there is not a target income; and that the goal is to have a mixed-income community, although there are benefits to serving lower income applicants.

Mr. Moore provided an overview of Lealman Exchange tenants and activities, and related that a second letter of interest will be issued in the near future. He thanked Commissioner Justice for holding office hours in the building, and invited other Commissioners to do

likewise, indicating that it is a valuable experience for the community; whereupon, he provided highlights of the agenda items affecting Lealman that will come before the Board at its March 12 public hearing, including one item that would allow the Lealman Community Redevelopment Agency to delegate authority to the County Administrator in a similar fashion as the BCC does. Discussion ensued, and Mr. Burton and Planning Director Renea Vincent provided input.

Commissioner Eggers suggested holding the next Legislative Delegation meeting at the Lealman Exchange facility, and discussion ensued regarding free community access to the building.

Responding to query by Chair Seel, Ms. Vincent confirmed that Mr. Moore's salary is currently being paid by the Municipal Services Taxing Unit, not the Lealman CRA, noting that she plans to discuss the matter with Office of Management and Budget Director Bill Berger.

At the request of Chair Seel, Mr. Moore referred to the draft 2018 CRA Annual Report and provided information regarding ten priorities to accomplish in Lealman in 2019, and discussion ensued regarding murals and art in Lealman.

1. Agenda Briefing

Mr. Burton opened the agenda briefing portion of the meeting, noting that the Board is prohibited from debating public hearing items prior to the March 12 meeting; and that the members should speak with him directly regarding any matters of concern.

Thereupon, Mr. Burton proceeded to review the agenda items to be addressed at the March 12 meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the following items, and staff responded to queries by the members and provided input.

- Item No. 9 Deputy County Administrator/Chief of Staff position
- Item No. 14 Tourism marketing services
- Item No. 15 Grant application for Tampa Bay Innovation Center Incubator
- Item No. 22 Agreement with WorkNet Pinellas d/b/a CareerSource Pinellas

Attorney White reviewed Agenda Items Nos. 19 and 20, requests for approval to initiate litigation.

Chair Seel referred to Agenda Item No. 40 pertaining to the Airco site and requested that staff provide additional information for discussion at the March 12 public hearing.

Commissioner Peters noted concerns expressed at yesterday's Mayors Council meeting pertaining to the use of the herbicide glyphosate. Discussion ensued, and Mr. Burton indicated that he will address the matter with staff and provide further information.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:26 P.M.