

NORTH GREENWOOD CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2025 – 6:00 PM – Artz 4 Life

Board Members Present: Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Turman, and Member McKenney

Absent: Member Voliton and Member Nunn-Crawford

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 ID#25-0190 Approve the minutes of the December 4th, 2024 North Greenwood Community Advisory Committee meeting.

Vice-Chair Turman motioned to approve the December 4, 2024 North Greenwood Community Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: Chair Robinson and Member McKenney

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Walter Evans, Director of Shihan School of Survivor, received an operational grant to maintain free public classes and set up essential organizational resources, including a home office and accounting services. The grant specifically supports youth, and a new Tai Chi class for seniors has been introduced. Evans expressed gratitude and appreciation for the grant.

4. New Business Items

4.1 ID#25-0191 Housing Presentation: Affordable Housing and Community Development

Dylan Mayeux, Acting Housing Manager, introduced the housing team and presented a PowerPoint on affordable housing and community development. The presentation covered various funding sources, including federal, state, and local, and how these funds are allocated. Dylan also discussed the goals of affordable housing and community development, along with key accomplishments in the field.

Discussion ensued between board members and presenter.

4.2 ID#25-0200 Florida Prepaid Presentation

Chair Robinson informed that the next presenter is unable to attend due to illness and will be notified to present the information at the next NG CAC meeting.

4.3 ID#25-0201 Encore Bank Presentation

Jose Bello, Community Outreach Officer at Encore Bank, discussed affordable housing and census tracts. He provided information on the Community Reinvestment Act, explaining that banks are audited and must comply with its policies. He also highlighted the ITIN program, which serves applicants who do not have a Social Security Number but are legally residing in the U.S. and paying taxes.

Conversation ensued with Economic Development and Housing and CRA staff, board members, and presenter.

5. Old Business Items

Julia Baltas, CRA Specialist provided an update on the current North Greenwood Commercial and Residential Grants, including the number of approved applications and the total amount. Additionally, she reported on two new commercial applications that will be presented for approval at the March 31, 2025, CRA Meeting.

6. Director's Report

7. Board Members to be Heard

Chair Robinson stated that 35% of residential properties are unoccupied, indicating that most homes are being rented. He discussed the potential for redevelopment in the area, noting its prime location just minutes from downtown Clearwater, Dunedin, and Clearwater Beach. He emphasized the need to stay vigilant, as developers may seek to purchase properties for redevelopment.

Vice-Chair Turman seconded Chair Robinson's statement and, as a member of CULC, highlighted the importance of distributing information to the community.

8. Adjourn.

Chair Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

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Kinard Robinson
Chair North Greenwood Citizens Advisory
Committee

Vickie Shire, CRA Program Manager