

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

LincolNville Community Redevelopment Area Steering Committee
October 1, 2018

The LincolNville Community Redevelopment Area Steering Committee met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 P.M., Monday, October 1, 2018, at the Willie Galimore Center. The meeting was called to order by Nicholas Noloboff, Chairman, and the following were present:

1. **ROLL CALL**

Nicholas Noloboff
Nathan Baer
Reverend Rory Hermann
Carolyn Wright

Absent: Anita Dalton

Ms. Dalton resigned as she has relocated to Jacksonville, FL

Staff Present:

Amy McClure Skinner, Deputy Director, Planning & Building Department; John Cary, Assistant City Attorney

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Wright noted that the address for Mr. Jockers should be corrected to 120 MLK.

MOTION

On a motion by Ms. Wright and seconded by Mr. Baer, the minutes of October 1, 2018 was approved as corrected, unanimously, by voice vote.

3. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

(a) The 2019 Fiscal Year CRA Budget :

Administrator Brown reported that The FY 2019 LCRA Budget, as recommended by the LCRA Steering Committee at its August 6, 2019 Meeting, was presented to the City of St. Augustine's City Commission, at a Budget Workshop on August 23, 2018. Several comments were made by the Mayor and Commissioners:

- Mayor Nancy Shaver asked about the increased costs for Publications. She was advised that these costs are associated with a more robust Communications and Outreach Program to residents of LincolNville.
- The Commissioners spoke favorably of the Fix-It Up Program and queried about the imbalance of funding between this program and the Institution Rehab Program. We explained

that timing delays to renewing contract terms with the St. Johns Housing Partnership was partly the cause. The Commission urged the CRA to do more housing rehabs. The Lincolnvile CRA Board of Commissioners at a subsequent meeting approved the Lincolnvile CRA FY 2018 – 2019 Budget as presented by the Steering Committee.

5. REPORT OF THE CRA ADMINISTRATOR

- **Fix-It Up Program.** St. Johns Housing Partnership (SJHP) has been re-engaged to continue LCRA's popular Fix-it-Up Program. The amended LCRA Plan increased the funding level for potential work to \$20,000 from \$7,000. An interactive exchange followed between Administrator Brown, Steering Committee Members and the Public pertaining to an integrated approach where the improvement of properties under the Fix-it Up Program are tied to LCRA's broader Redevelopment Plan. The Report provided the following examples:

Twine & Lovett: Two homes are slated for improvements in this area near an adjacent community park and newly constructed or rehabbed homes.

St. Francis Street. One home under repair is adjacent to a lot owned by the city.

MLK Avenue. Two homes are slated for improvements along this street.

Recommendations and Comments from the Public, Steering Committee and LCRA Administrator:

Ensure that grant recipients are income eligible and properties are homestead exempted; Effectively communicate the criteria for the Fix-it Up Program; Increase Code Enforcement as applicable; provide more funding for exterior repairs, including architectural guidelines; improve driveways to allow greater off-street parking; acquire available/adjoining lots for Land Trust Initiative based on a declared priority for streets in Lincolnvile.

Katherine Jamison (301 Riberia) and Michele Blazevik (83 Kings Ferry). Requested information of the Pix-it-Up Program. Their request was forwarded to SJHP.

6. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

Mr. Cary addressed questions concerning the Institutional Rehab

Program and the lien requirements for the program. He noted that the term of the lien increased from 3 years to 10 years given the amount increased from \$7,000 to \$20,000.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- LCRA Steering Committee members were urged to attend the Florida Redevelopment Association's Annual Meeting on October 24 – 26, 2018.
- Chairman Noloboff announced his intentions to step down as Chair and suggested a new slate of officers be scheduled at the next meeting.

8. ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Nicholas Noloboff, Chairman

Tony T. Brown, Administrator