

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Lincolnton Community Redevelopment Area Steering Committee  
July 8, 2014

The Lincolnton Community Redevelopment Steering Committee met in formal session at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at the Willie Galimore Center. The meeting was called to order by Theresa Segal, Chairman, and the following were present:

1. **ROLL CALL**
- Theresa Segal  
Laura Dumas Stevenson  
Tony Smith  
Clyde Taylor  
Brian Thompson

**Staff Present:** Sharon O'Keefe, Community Development Planner

2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Deltra Long, 65 Osceola Street, thanked two Jacksonville nursing students, Heather Jenschke and Mary Baker for attending the meeting.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**(June 10, 2014)**

**MOTION**

**Mr. Taylor moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

4. **DISCUSSION**

Bill Lazar, Director of the St. Johns County Housing Partnership, was invited to attend the meeting to share his knowledge and experience in his role with the partnership. Mr. Lazar had vast experience with programs designed to assist low income residents with repairs to their homes. He had several

helpful suggestions to help the committee get started on the "Fix it Up" program.

- Getting the message out to the people, by as using neighborhood associations and mailings
- Suggested the Lincolnton CRA combine efforts with his Housing Partnership
- Could possibly contribute money and labor toward the "Fix it Up Program.
- Had 300 applicants on his waiting list and approximately 50 from the Lincolnton area
- His Partnership determines who is eligible for assistance based on income and needs using the HUD income guidelines
- Did not always require Insurance or a title search
- Offered to provide copies of all his documents to assist the Committee in drafting their own
- Always examines the whole building when he receives an application for assistance

- Makes the determination of what need to be repaired, not what the homeowner wanted
- Prioritizes the safety related issues first
- Gave veterans an extra preference
- Sometime they paid utility bills instead of repairing houses
- Did not consider garages or outbuildings for repair
- Suggested identify empty city lots for storage of donated materials such as mulch, lumber etc.

The Committee discussed working with the Housing Partnership as a method to get started as soon as possible.

Mr. Taylor reminded the Committee that parking was still an issue of high priority in Lincolnvile and did not want that to be forgotten, especially in light of the recent fire where the house was a complete loss. He suggested someone from the parking committee be asked to one of the meetings to discuss possible solutions.

Mr. Thompson said he thought there may be a simpler fix by restricting parking to one side of the street.

Mr. Smith asked about the possibility of clearing and using city owned lots for parking so neighbors could walk to local businesses.

Mr. Lazar suggested contacting Flagler College to give students an assessment project.

**5. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

(None)

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

(None)

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stevenson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

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Theresa Segal, Chairman

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Sharon O'Keefe, Community  
Development Planner