

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Lincolntonville Community Redevelopment Area Steering Committee  
September 9, 2014

The Lincolntonville Community Redevelopment Steering Committee met in formal session at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 9, 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:** David Birchim, Director Planning & Building  
Isabelle Lopez, City Attorney

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2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There was no public comment.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**(August 12, 2014)**

**MOTION**

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the minutes of August 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

4. **DISCUSSION**

Greg White, the West Augustine CRA Steering Committee Chairman was the guest speaker for the meeting. He gave an explanation of the history of the West Augustine CRA and how it was created in 1999. Representative Corrine Brown was instrumental in the development of the program encouraging improvement to the community of West Augustine.

The BCC created a Community Redevelopment Area and identified six components to address.

- Economic Development
- Infrastructure improvement
- Blight Abatement
- Affordable housing
- Culture
- Quality of Life

His committee met with the community in various venues including the local churches. They also conducted surveys and went door to door. Activities for neighborhood children was top on the list for issues. This led to the creation of the Solomon Calhoun Community Center.

The most challenging project was providing affordable housing. Infrastructure improvement and economic development also being a great struggle due to frequent changes in elected officials.

The West Augustine CRA committee meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.

Ms. Lopez suggested pamphlet advertising for the "Fix It UP" program grants. She will be drafting a contract for the St Johns Housing Partnership for the piggy back agreement and will present it to the CRA on October 13, 2014 at 4:30PM.

Mr. Thompson suggested further connection with the community for their input.

Ms. Segal said she would be attending the annual Florida Redevelopment conference in Miami and will report back at the next LCRA meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ella Stevens, who owns 124 Martin Luther King Avenue, asked for assistance with her home repair. Mr. Lazar said she had submitted an application to the SJHP and her name was on his list of eligible recipients

**7. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

(None)

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

(None)

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Theresa Segal, Chairman

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Sharon O'Keefe, Community  
Development Planner (minutes  
constructed with notes of David Birchim)