

A meeting of the OBT Development Board was held **at the Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20th Street, Orlando, Florida 32805, on January 26, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Bob Moser
 Carolyn McClendon
 Tangia Smikle
 Tasha Golis
 Commissioner Victoria Siplin
 Jeff Robinson III

Staff Present: Vanessa Pinkney, Executive Director
 Roger Dixon, Project Manager
 Jessica Darden, Program Specialist
 Marcia D. Davis, Executive Assistant

Introduction of Guests: Daniel Kilponen, Orange County Government
 Tom Kohler, GAI Consultants, Inc.
 Margaret Hill, Rock Lake Community

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bob Moser at 8:33 a.m.

Roll Call – Bob Moser, Carolyn McClendon, Commissioner Tangia Smikle, Tasha Golis, Commissioner Victoria Siplin, and Jeff Robinson, III

I. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Siplin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by C. McClendon and the motion carried with all members voting aye.

II. Staff Updates

1. OBT Housing – Task Force & Partners – V. Pinkney has been meeting with staff and potential partners. The goal remains how to best utilize approximately two blocks of CRA and ORRF parcels fronting Woods Avenue between 22nd and 24th Streets. ORRF has moved forward with two projects in the Holden Heights community partnering with the Community Asset Preservation Corp (CAP-C), an investment firm that works to address affordable housing. V. Pinkney attended an in-person meeting with ORRF, CAP-C and New Jersey Community Capitol to review the possibility of scaling their current process to meet our needs.
2. Pedestrian Safety & Road Improvement Projects – V. Pinkney stated Phase IIA of the OBT North Improvement Project which will extend from Gore to I-4 is on track for 2023. FDOT continues the design and implementation of pedestrian safety projects between Holden Ave. and I-4.
3. CRA Plan Update/CRA Agreement/Audit – The CRA Plan Draft has been provided to County and City staff for review and comments. A collaboration meeting has been set for February 2, 2022, to gather any feedback. Approval of the plan by the Orange County CRA/BCC by June 30, 2022, would ensure the base tax year of 2021.
4. Blue Diamond, USA – Economic Incentive Grant – R. Dixon apprised the board on the progression of the Blue Diamond project. The equipment is on site, exterior clean-up and interior improvements have been made. The structural repairs caused by the vehicle accident remain to be completed.
5. MSTU & CRA Maintenance – R. Dixon stated there are maintenance challenges along the corridor due to hundreds of advertising yard signs placed within the public space. He had the signs removed, called the businesses about the infraction, and followed up with a call to Orange

County Code Enforcement. Illegal dumping, homeless camps, and abandoned shopping carts are being addressed throughout the area. Attendees were encouraged to call 311 to report issues they see in Orange County and R. Dixon requested board members call him before 311 if the issue is on OBT so he can address the problem ASAP.

6. Pavement of Woods Avenue – R. Dixon provided an update on the project. He is working with GAI, Orange County and the City of Orlando. He has plans to meet with the property owner soon.
7. Safe Neighborhood – J. Darden updated the board on the progress of the OBT Safety Task Force which reconvened with Capt. Chris Barrett serving as the new chairperson. We are partnering with Yvette Sheldon, Mgr., Holden Heights Community Center to host the Safe Neighborhood Committee Alliance. J. Darden serves as the chairperson of the monthly meetings. Key objectives include a youth mentorship program, and engaging business owners. A Survivors Brunch is slated for March 19, 2022, for those who lost loved ones to gun violence. We are collaborating with Rebuilding Together, an organization that does home improvements, and will be concentrating on the Holden Heights area.

III. New Business

B. Moser apprised the board of the NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Development Association) - UCF Case Competition. This year, the site chosen is within the OBTNext area on a 22-acre property located east of Camping World Stadium. B. Moser is part of the organizing committee. Real Estate seniors take a capstone course each Spring beginning in January. They pick a real-world property and assign fictional circumstances. The student teams develop full-scale real-life development programs, make a presentation to a judging panel in late April, and the winning team is awarded a cash prize.

IV. Public Comment – N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by

Marcia D. Davis