

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Orange Blossom Trail Development Board, Orlando, FL, at the Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20th Street, at 8:30 a.m. on the 28th day of February 2024.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Bob Moser, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Directors Present: Bob Moser, Carolyn McClendon, Tangia Smikle, Forrest Askew, III, Tasha Golis, Jeff Robinson, III, Commissioner Michael Scott

Guests: Cheri King, Orange County Government, Tamara Johnson, Orange County Government, Traci Blue, Bright Community Trust

Staff Present: Vanessa Pinkney, Executive Director; Marcia D. Davis, Executive Assistant, Jessica Darden, Program Manager

I. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Carolyn McClendon, seconded by Forrest Askew, III, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

II. Bright Community Trust Grant Request – Traci Blue

Traci Blue presented the Bright Community Trust Homeownership Equity Initiative. Their goal is to develop 5,000 new homes in the next 5 years to bridge the home ownership gap for people of color in Central Florida. The initiative covers Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Lake Counties. It is not income restricted and includes holding financial literacy and other classes, to help prepare Holden Heights residents for homeownership. Bright Community Trust is requesting a \$15,000 grant from the OBTDB to fund community events over the next 6 months to introduce the Holden Heights Community to the Initiative and get interested individuals started in the process. Bob Moser suggested \$15,000 be paid by reimbursement. Vanessa suggested approving an initial \$5,000 with an MOU and reassessing after the first event. Motion by Tasha Golis, seconded by Tangia Smikle, to approve the \$5,000 with an MOU with the contingencies requested by the Board. Motion carried.

III. Staff Updates

Jessica Darden provided updates on the Safe Neighborhood Program. There will be a Town Hall meeting and open house on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Holden Heights Community Center. There will be assistance in homebuyer classes, SNAP benefit assistance, mental health support, voter awareness, etc. The Safety Task Force will be holding a Homeless Resource Fair on March 21, 2024, at the S. Trail Library. Free laundry services and hygiene kits will be available.

IV. Old Business

Commissioner Scott is working on new numbers for the proposed expansion of the CRA. He will provide an update in the March 2024 meeting.

V. New Business

N/A

VI. Public Comment

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by,

Marcia D. Davis

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Executive Assistant