



**MT. PLYMOUTH-SORRENTO COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING MINUTES
J.A. CROSON OFFICES – CONFERENCE ROOM
31550 COUNTY ROAD 437, SORRENTO, FLORIDA 32776**

CALL TO ORDER – The September 8, 2015 meeting of the Lake County Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento Community Redevelopment Advisory (CRA) Committee was called to order at 6:07 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Members/Staff Attending:</u> Earl Hammond, Property Owner in Planning Area Dave Croson, Property Owner in Planning Area Christine Thompson, Property Owner in Planning Area Matthew Matulia, Property Owner in Planning Area Frances Nipe, Resident/Property Owner within 3-miles, Vice Chairman Thomas A. Van de Kieft, Resident/Property Owner within 3-miles Timothy J. Bailey, Resident/Property Owner within 3-miles, Chairman Dottie Keedy, Director, Community Services Department Linda Green, Office Associate V, Community Services Department	<u>Members/Staff – Not Attending</u> Commissioner Leslie Campione, BCC Liaison Bill Veach, Deputy County Manager Amye King, Community Liaison Manager, Community Services Department <u>Others Attending:</u> Erika Greene Barbara Tenney Shirley Otten Clark Morris Bob Otten Brett Tobias (BESH) Don Griffey, Griffey Engineering
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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested them to sign the attendance sheet if they had not already done so. Pastor Earl Hammond gave an Invocation after which introductions were given.

OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time the floor was opened for discussion and public comment. No one in the audience wished to address the Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Bailey asked the Committee if they had an opportunity to review the Minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting and asked for approval or comments.

Frances Nipe asked that staff revise the Minutes on page 2 concerning staff providing an update of the proposed design guidelines and to add a statement about the Committee taking into consideration the aesthetics within the different routes of the proposed trail.

A motion to approve the August 18, 2015 Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA Committee Meeting minutes as revised was made by Christine Thompson, seconded by Earl Hammond, and the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Liaison Assignments:

Chair Bailey asked the Committee members if anyone was interested in serving as a liaison to various groups such as the East Lake Chamber of Commerce or the East Lake Library.

Earl Hammond commented that it is a good idea to overlap the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA with various groups in an effort to stay connected.

Christine Thompson noted that she felt connecting with the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization was important. To which Chair Bailey stated that he was more interested in linking with local groups.

Frances Nipe shared that she is presently involved with the Mt. Plymouth Landowners' League and NextDoor.com for Mt. Plymouth and Sorrento.

Dave Croson volunteered that he would be the liaison to the East Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hammond volunteered that he would be liaison to the East Lake Historical Society. He questioned whether someone should be liaison to the Soccer League. To which Chair Bailey remarked that would be more of a Parks and Recreation type activity.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sorrento Avenue (SR 46) Concept Plan Presentation:

Don Griffey, Griffey Engineering, came before the Committee to discuss the Sorrento Avenue Conceptual Plan in greater detail than previously. He commented that the next step in the process would be an engineering study.

Mr. Griffey discussed how cars would turn into the businesses and how the parking would be handled. It was noted that the traffic would be much slower by this time, approximately 35 miles per hour. Traffic calming devices and roundabouts were reviewed.

The Committee stated that they would like to see the left turn by the Kangaroo Store closed off to prevent accidents.

Ms. Nipe discussed her concerns she observed reviewing the concept plan (*see attached*).

Chair Bailey noted that most of Ms. Nipe's concerns will be addressed at a later time, such as during the engineering phase. He reiterated that they are reviewing the conceptual plan which will be modified as the planning moves along.

Ms. Nipe commented that the sidewalks should be the same width on both sides of the road with parallel parking and trees on the sides.

Dottie Keedy noted that the plans for the roadway will go through the Florida Department of Transportation and Lake County's Economic Growth staff for review, then approval by the Lake County Board of County Commissioners before any construction is done.

Ms. Thompson suggested designating adding an additional driveway between the Ace Hardware and Dollar General so that area does not get congested.

Ms. Nipe questioned whether the "suicide lanes" could be eliminated. To which Mr. Griffey responded that at some places they could be reworked.

Chair Bailey questioned whether there were any other comments from the Committee or the community and there were none.

A motion to accept the Sorrento Avenue (SR 46) Concept Plan as presented was made by Christine Thompson, seconded by Dave Croson, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Update on Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and Land Development Regulations (LDRs):

Tim McClendon, Chief Planner, Economic Growth Department appeared to provide an update on the Land Development Regulations and Comprehensive Plan specifically in the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento Main Street area.

Mr. McClendon noted that the Economic Growth Department has initiated a rough draft of the design guidelines for the area which mirror Mt. Dora's design guidelines.

Mr. McClendon explained that the current Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is 0.30 and the Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR) is currently 0.60. He discussed the different versions of planning transects, T1 through T6.

Considerable discussion occurred concerning which planning transect would be appropriate for the area. When asked, Ms. Keedy recommended the T4 – General Urban Zone planning transect.

Ms. Thompson suggested adopting the T3 – Sub-Urban Zone in the areas further from the businesses and the T-4 – General Urban Zone in the areas where the majority of the businesses are located.

The Committee discussed adopting a different FAR and Ms. Keedy suggested talking to the CRA Board at their meeting in November to see if they are willing to make the needed changes.

Mr. McClendon shared that a Comprehensive Plan Amendment is not quick and explained the process.

Discussion occurred concerning specifying T-4 – General Urban Zone in the node areas and T-3 – Sub-Urban Zones in other areas and to request the CRA Board to consider revising the Comprehensive Plan within the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento boundary and allow the Committee to work with staff to create language that is more consistent with other areas of the Comprehensive Plan.

A motion to open a discussion with the CRA Board concerning the T-3 - Sub-Urban Zones and T-4 – General Urban Zones in the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento boundary and request revision of the Comprehensive Plan in the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento area that the CRA Board will support was made by Earl Hammond, seconded by Christine Thompson, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Keep Lake Beautiful Cleanup Update:

Ms. Keedy shared that the Keep Lake Beautiful Cleanup date is September 19, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the East Lake Community Park in Sorrento. A dumpster will be available so area residents may drop off any excess household trash. Volunteers must be older than 16 or accompanied by an adult. Keep Lake Beautiful and its sponsors will provide gloves, safety vests, trash bags and water for all volunteers. Participants should bring their own sunscreen, insect repellent, and wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Call Brian Sheahan at 352-343-9639 for additional information or visit: http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/keep_lake_beautiful/?utm_source=lakecountyhomepage&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=Keep%20Lake%20Beautiful.

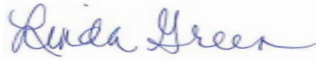
It was noted that there will not be a Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA Committee meeting in October and that everyone is encouraged to attend the CRA Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers in Tavares.

Ms. Nipe mentioned if anyone knows of any streets in the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento area that has large junk (cars, etc.) or large amounts of trash to let Brian Sheahan know.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought to the attention of the Committee, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. was made by Earl Hammond, seconded by Dave Croson, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Prepared By:



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September 23, 2015
Date