

**ORMOND BEACH
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 18, 2019
City Hall Training Room
22 South Beach Street
Ormond Beach, FL**

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Members present were, Frank Ganz, David Glasser, Josh Pringle, Matthew Shapiro and Margaret Sharifi.

Staff present were: Grants Coordinator Loretta Moisio, Principal Landscape Architect Cara Culliver and Recording Secretary Shā Moss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 14, 2019

Mr. Glasser moved, seconded by Ms. Sharifi, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Buck James, 317 Riverside Drive, Executive Director for Halifax Urban Ministries, noted Hope Place was almost at a full year of operation and that some of the expenses have been more than anticipated, particularly the utility area. He made a request at the last meeting for assistance with the expenses in the amount of \$22,512.00.

Mr. Glasser asked where else do they receive funds.

Mr. James answered they also receive funds from other cities, churches, private donors, Volusia County and as many sources as they can because there is a need.

Edith Kegel, 256 Grove Street, noted she had spoken with a lot of her neighbors about the sidewalk request for Grove Street and said that it would be a problem. A lot of the houses are close to the street and a lot of the neighbors are against the sidewalk.

Mr. Pringle asked Ms. Kegel about the neighbors' opposition to the sidewalk.

Ms. Kegel answered on Grove Street from Mound Avenue south to Division Avenue is a quiet street and residents are comfortable walking in the street. The street could be

ruined by sidewalks, and there were a lot of palm trees that would have to be removed. She also mentioned there would be parking issues if there were sidewalks.

Robert Renforth, 97 South Ridgewood Avenue, stated he was in favor of sidewalks and had spoken to residents who were in favor of the sidewalks and noted it was a safety issue.

Ms. Culliver stated staff did a brief analysis of Grove Street and it has a 50 foot right-of-way, there are a lot of grade issues, trees, fences and some power pole issues. If a sidewalk was put in, part of it may be on one side of the street and part on the other side of the street. She noted that staff did not want to remove a lot of historic trees and the cost estimate listed did not include tree removal costs.

Mr. Glasser asked whether City moves ahead with the project if the homeowners were not in favor of the project.

Mr. Shapiro stated the Board's function was to recommend what projects to fund. The Board might not even decide to fund the Grove Street sidewalk.

Linda Williams, 131 Bosarvey Drive, noted at the last meeting she asked for beautification and traffic calming on Bosarvey Drive, as well as a crosswalk over Halifax Drive to the river.

Ms. Moisio stated any crosswalk would have to meet the Federal Highway Administration Manual of Uniformed Traffic Control Devices standards and guidelines. Adding a crosswalk from the Memorial Gardens parking lot across Halifax Drive was mentioned and it was noted that the spacing would be too close to the crosswalk that is already at Granada Boulevard and Halifax Drive. Ms. Moisio stated CDBG funding would not cover crosswalks.

Ms. Culliver stated under FP&L guidelines, they will not allow shade trees under power lines.

Ms. Williams asked about the park behind Osceola Elementary School; wherein Ms. Moisio stated that the property belongs to Volusia County Schools and not the City.

Mr. Renforth stated he was at a recent meeting and they discussed making the area a walkable downtown. He noted his proposal was having Grove Street sidewalks from beginning to end. He hoped the City would look into having some sidewalks on Grove Street.

Mr. Pringle noted staff would follow up on studying whether or not sidewalks would be feasible on Grove Street.

CDBG FY 2019-2020 RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Pringle stated the Board will now discuss and make their recommendations to the City Commission for this cycle. The current funding amount is \$150,079, which breaks down to \$22,512 for public services and \$127,567 for capital improvements. He noted a couple of groups had requested public service CDBG funding but only HUM qualified for funding.

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Mr. Ganz, that the Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Board recommend allocating \$22,512 to Halifax Urban Ministries for public services. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pringle stated there were a list of capital improvement projects outlined by staff.

Mr. Ganz asked of the likelihood that the Grove Street sidewalk would be developed.

Ms. Culliver stated the cost of the sidewalk estimate does not include the cost for tree removal or fences.

Mr. Pringle stated this project is something that should be moved to next year's cycle to give staff time to do more research.

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Mr. Glasser, that the Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Board recommend allocating \$55,000 to Riviera Park ADA Parking and the remaining balance to the South Ormond Neighborhood Park Fitness Station.

Mr. Shapiro stated he wanted to fund projects that service a large number of people in addition to funding projects that could be completed with the available funds. He agrees that the Grove Street sidewalk project should be given more time for staff to research.

Mr. Pringle asked whether any other projects sited for Riviera Park would be impacted if the parking lot was paved.

Mr. Glasser asked whether there was any way to tell how many people would use the fitness stations at SONC.

Mr. Pringle stated the SONC was being used at its capacity for the way it was designed. Other fitness stations throughout the City are being used, but there is no way to determine how many people use any of them. He noted that the fitness station was a good idea and would continue to have a positive impact on the City.

Mr. Glasser agreed that it was good to be able to fully fund projects, but noted that additional funds were needed to complete the SONC fitness station.

Ms. Culliver stated the layout was conceptual and the City will find the remaining funds to complete the project.

Ms. Moisia mentioned that HUD requires that funds are spent timely and funds cannot rollover from one year to the next. She also noted that at times there were projects that had funds leftover that could be used on other projects.

Mr. Pringle mentioned that was also why there were no long term projects listed.

Mr. Shapiro amended his motion, seconded by Mr. Ganz, that the Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Board recommends allocating \$55,000 to Riviera Park ADA Parking and the remaining balance of \$72,567 to the SONC Fitness Station. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pringle stated staff will contact the Board and advise when the recommendations will be on the City Commission agenda for approval.

Ms. Moisia stated the recommendations should be on the May 21, 2019, agenda for review. She noted she is preparing the applications and will submit them to Volusia County by the deadline of next Friday, April 26, 2019, in draft form.

Mr. Pringle stated the City is required to submit the funding recommendations to Volusia County by next Friday, which is the deadline and the City Commission could still approve them. If any adjustments are needed to be made on the recommendations, staff will notify the Board so that other recommendations can be made.

NEXT MEETING DATE – July 18, 2019

Mr. Pringle stated the next meeting is currently scheduled for July 18, 2019, and asked if there were any conflicts to please notify staff.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shā Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Josh Pringle, Chairman