



**MT. PLYMOUTH-SORRENTO COMMUNITY  
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES  
J.A. CROSON OFFICES – CONFERENCE ROOM  
31550 COUNTY ROAD 437, SORRENTO, FLORIDA 32776**

**CALL TO ORDER** – The January 12, 2016 meeting of the Lake County Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento Community Redevelopment Advisory (CRA) Committee was called to order at 6:08 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

**ATTENDANCE:**

<p><b><u>Members/Staff Attending:</u></b> Earl Hammond, Property Owner in Planning Area Dave Croson, Property Owner in Planning Area Christine Thompson, 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 Commissioner Leslie Campione, BCC Liaison Dottie Keedy, Director, Community Services Department Linda Green, Office Associate V, Community Services Department</p>	<p><b><u>Members/Staff – Not Attending</u></b> Matthew Matulia, Property Owner in Planning Area Bill Veach, Deputy County Manager Amye King, Community Liaison Manager, Community Services Department</p>
	<p><b><u>Others Attending:</u></b> F. B. Force BettyAnn Christian Ann Coker Dr. Jones</p>

**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. The audience introduced themselves.

**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 September 8, 2015 meeting and asked for approval or comments.

A motion to approve the September 8, 2015 Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA Committee Meeting minutes as presented was made by Earl Hammond, seconded by Frances Nipe, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2016 Regional Summit Series – Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA):**

Dottie Keedy discussed the 2016 Regional Summit Series for CRA Board training that is being offered in Tampa, Crestview, Winter Park, Lake Butler, and Wilton Manors. The training will cover the pros and cons of CRAs; how CRAs can be created, administered, modified and terminated; how elected officials can play a positive role in their activities; the duties and responsibilities of staff; and what reports CRAs must complete and when. The program is sponsored by the Florida League of Cities (FLC) and presented by the Florida Redevelopment Association. Ms. Keedy noted that the closest session will be Thursday, March 10, 2016 in Winter Park and it is free to CRA board members and staff.

Chair Bailey shared that he attended this training previously and it was very informative and insightful.

**County Road (CR) 437 Realignment Project:**

Ms. Keedy noted that the CR 437 project is in the procurement process and is being tied in with the State Road (SR) 46 plan, complete street concept and transit needs. She added that the firm that is awarded the project will be scheduled to make a presentation to this Committee.

Commissioner Campione commented that the chosen firm will also seek public input from the community.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sorrento Avenue (SR 46) Complete Street Project Status:**

Ms. Keedy informed that the Public Works Manager is working with Senator Hayes and the Department of Transportation to obtain funding for the project which is moving forward. He is also working closely with the Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization on the project.

**Legislative Issues related to CRA:**

Commissioner Campione discussed the recent Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Retreat and noted that the Board has been requested to adopt additional architectural design standards for commercial buildings which would also apply in the Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento area. The Board also discussed that improvements to the East Lake Community Park are gradually being completed and it will take approximately two years for

conclusion. She added that the BCC is petitioning the legislators to construct a lift station at the park for restrooms.

Commissioner Campione shared that the consensus of the Board was for the County Manager to provide options within the CRA for central water and sewer.

Thomas A. Van de Kieft questioned how close the line would be to the area and the response was that the boundaries would be around the Redtail development, Sorrento Elementary School and Round Lake Elementary School.

Discussion occurred concerning the history of some of the properties in the area.

Commissioner Campione enlightened the members and guests concerning a new zoning plan that was submitted for the Mt. Plymouth Golf Course area now featuring larger lots. She added that drawings of home models and elevations have not been made available.

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORK PROGRAM:**

Chair Bailey questioned the members whether they would like to have monthly meetings or meet only when there are items to discuss.

Mr. Hammond suggested having meetings scheduled as needed to which Mr. Croson, Mr. Van de Kieft, and Ms. Thompson agreed.

Chair Bailey then brought up the possibility of having a schedule of meetings every other month or quarterly.

Ms. Nipe commented to have the meetings monthly then cancel them if there is nothing to discuss.

After much discussion it was decided to schedule meetings every other month.

A motion to approve scheduling upcoming Mt. Plymouth-Sorrento CRA Advisory Committee meetings every other month beginning in March 2016 was made by Frances Nipe, seconded by Earl Hammond, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Christine Thompson brought up previously discussed committee appointments and the process of such. It was noted that those members who are interested in or who already are on other boards or committees can report this committee's activities to those boards or committees and vice-versa.

Chair Bailey announced that the first section of the Wekiva Parkway going through Lake County will be opening on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Dr. Jones shared that there is a proposed shopping center planned for the area around Kelly Park in Orange County which is close to the new Parkway.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to be brought to the attention of the Committee, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. was made by Dave Croson seconded by Earl Hammond, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Prepared By:



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February 11, 2016  
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