

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Advisory Task Force (CATF) on Monday, April 9, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in First Floor Conference Room "A" of the County Administration Building, 1840 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were members: Chairman William Mosley, Robert Keating, Joe Idlette, Victor Hart, Sr., Billie Minnis, Effie Lyles (arrived at 3:08 p.m.), Joe Wiggins (arrived 3:09 p.m.), Mark Thomas (arrived at 3:11 p.m.) and Gary C. Wheeler, Non-voting Commissioner Liaison.

Also present were IRC Staff: Jason Brown, Budget Director, Sasan Rohani, Chief Long Range Planner; Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner; and Terri Collins-Lister, Staff Assistant IV. Others present: Fred Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Mosley called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Minutes of the March 12, 2007**

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Minnis, SECONDED Mr. Idlette,  
the members voted unanimously (5-0) to approve  
the March 12, 2007 minutes as presented.**

Ms. Lyles arrived at 3:08 p.m.

### **Review of Neighborhood Revitalization Community Development Block Grant Application**

Mr. Wiggins arrived at 3:09 p.m.

Mr. Thomas arrived at 3:11 p.m.

Mr. Sasan Rohani, IRC Chief Long Range Planner stated at the March 12, 2007 meeting several possible projects were discussed for the Neighborhood Revitalization Community Development Block Application and he noted the actions which needed to be taken prior to the closing of the 2007 application cycle on April 20, 2007.

Mr. Fred Fox, Fred Fox Enterprises, stated staff analyzed all the projects discussed at the March 12, 2007 CDBG Meeting and made the recommendation of a Fire Station for the Gifford Community. He noted the main reason for the Fire Station was because there was 100 points in the competitive basis of the grant if there was plans and specifications prepared prior to the application was submitted. He noted the actual cost of the fire station was \$2.2 million. A discussion followed.

Mr. Jason Brown, IRC Budget Director indicated the grant was for the amount of \$750,000 and the County had committed to staffing and other funds to meet the remaining portion of the fire station.

Chairman Mosley called for a motion to proceed with the application for the Neighborhood Revitalization Community Development Block Grant Application.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Idlette, SECONDED BY Mr. Minnis, the members voted (8-0) to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to approve the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Community Development Block Grant Application for the construction of a Fire Station in the Gifford area.**

### **Discussion and Comments**

Chairman Mosley asked Mr. Brown for a breakdown of the expenditures for projects and the services rendered in the Gifford Community. Mr. Brown handed out a Summary of Expenses – Gifford Area Projects, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the Summary of Expenses for the Gifford Area Projects and Mr. Fox explained different funding was available for Economic Development to bring in industry. Mr. Keating concluded an Economic Development Community Block Grant could be applied for at anytime. Chairman Mosley felt the CDBG CATF needed to make recommendations as well as attempt to reach out to various corporations to bring them to IRC. Chairman Mosley suggested another meeting be scheduled to discuss Economic Development further. Mr. Keating stated he would ask staff to schedule the next CDBG meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.