



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and City Commission

FROM: Douglas E. Smith, City Manager

DATE: January 25, 2017

APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE TO THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.

BACKGROUND:

The original Margate Community Redevelopment Plan was adopted by the City Commission on September 25, 1997. It has been amended twice: on December 13, 2001 and July 1, 2009.

Per Florida Statutes Chapter 163 Part III, CRA activities, programs, and expenditures must comply with the provisions of the agency's adopted Community Redevelopment Plan. In order to ensure that the MCRA's Plan addresses current needs and conditions, the agency is proposing a third amendment to the document. The Plan is being reorganized to be more "readable" by relocating several background sections to the Appendices. These include the early City history, the Findings of Necessity, CRA Plan basics, Sample Redevelopment Tools, and the section on Margate CRA activities that occurred between the first and second Plan amendments. In addition, the main body of the Plan is being modified to include the following:

- a description of activities/improvements accomplished since the 2009 Plan amendment was adopted (new)
- descriptions of current market trends and regulatory changes (new)
- an updated list of all of our planned activities, programs and projects (new)
- restatement of the plan goals and objectives (mostly unchanged from current Plan)
- a section describing safeguards to ensure that redevelopment activities follow the Plan (new)
- a Neighborhood Impact section (new)

A public input meeting was held at the Katz Community Center on August 16, 2016, which was attended by approximately twenty residents. The item was presented to the Planning and Zoning Board at the meeting of November 1, 2016, and was unanimously recommended for approval. The CRA recommended approval of the amendment by a vote of 3-1 at its meeting of November 9, 2016. Subsequent to the CRA board meeting pictures and graphics were added to the amended Plan to get it ready for printing. In addition, some minor language changes were made. The wording regarding the City Center project (pg. 7) was generalized so as not to refer to a specific developer, and the following language was added to the section describing potential community policing initiatives (Goal Area IV, pg. 26): *"These measures may also include the provision of enhanced policing and security measures at special events sponsored by the City/CRA and/or held on property owned by the City/CRA, as deemed necessary and appropriate by the CRA Board in conjunction with Margate public safety personnel."*

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

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