

1st Quarter Historic Northwest Community Meeting

Thursday, February 6th @ 6 PM

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

1. **Jade Greene, Deputy Director, opened at 6:06 PM**
2. **Police/Security/Safety – Officer Rodney Archer**
	1. Provided updates to community
	2. Noted lots of changes in the Department as we are aware.
	3. North end quarterly meeting will be April 8th, and July 8th at Gaines Park at 6:30 PM
	4. All city departments working together on providing safety/security
	5. Abandoned vehicles have been a major issue in the Historic NW. They have been working to tow the vehicles, but asked everyone to still keep calling them to report and give details
	6. PD is expanding bike patrol throughout the City
	7. Also expanding traffic control to day and night shifts
	8. Parking at City parks, Flagler – updating signs for overnight parking violations
	9. Trespassing on properties has been an issue- Carlos with CRA has been updating PD and working with PSC on these issues. They have been issuing warnings or subject to arrest depending on situations
	10. They are adding scanners for tickets to be printed
	11. Homelessness still a layered concern – working on this. They have a lack of resources to help them so they are still addressing this and prostitution- 7 arrested just last week. They have mainly been victims of drug/mental health issues
	12. Continued Ops on drug possession and selling
	13. Keep an eye out for Feb. 20th event by PD at the park
	14. Focusing on value driven police work
	15. QUESTION – When they print a ticket for a car, how long does it take to get it towed? PD responded usually 24 hours to tow after being tagged.
	16. QUESTION- Has there been an uptick in theft or vandalism in Historic NW? Response: Majority of crimes are down – zones are now smaller for PD officers to cover.
	17. QUESTION- Is there a set amount of bikes for Northwest? Response: Yes, 7 days a week to HNW
	18. QUESTION – Saw bikes on Tamarind/Clearlake Trail has a lot of activity. Response: Yes, we have been covering but if you see something call **822-1900, press ZERO**
	19. QUESTION - We LOVE the bikes and enjoy relationships we are building with the officers, then they move – how can we avoid this? Response: Best we can, we try to keep the same officers, but it’s up to the officers and consistency is key.
	20. QUESTION - Try to make police report online, failed. Response: It’s temporarily down. Response: We found this out and we have been working on bringing it back but exploring ways to still see pressing items and get the public adv. Officer to help inform public.
	21. QUESTION – Wish officers would be on 10th and Tamarind. Response: Yes, we are looking into ways to expand that area of coverage.
	22. QUESTION- What can we do about the zombie people who are strolling through the neighborhood with suitcases? They seem to be strung out on drugs. A lot of them have been walking through on Tamarind, and 6th & Division. Response: CALL 822-1900; since the mental health institution closed, they have seen an uptick in these people and they are wanting to help provide them with the resources they need. The issue is that is has to be voluntary. They are sent to JFK campus to focus on medical and mental health. They do a 28 panel screen and help them with follow ups and resources all for FREE. The new law has people not sleeping in Downtown but scattering to the neighborhoods since they cannot sleep in public, one said. Response: They need a no trespassing sign/affidavit so that PD can assist if your property.
3. **CRA Security Updates- Carlos Rodriguez, CRA Security Manager**
	1. Wanted update on cameras – Response: We will have more in a month hopefully, waiting on the contract. Will be at 7th at the Park and others based on reports on locations.
	2. Sunset Lounge issue where someone was caught by the cameras who messed up the property will be dealt with by PD.
	3. QUESTION- For record, we know areas that are hot- what to do for those areas? Carlos responded that he is available 24/7 for them.
4. **Public Works/Sanitation – Calvin Williams, Superintendent**
	1. Provided update that they have identified 8 alleys with illegal activities and will be out and about cleaning those up.
	2. QUESTION- Garbage cans on 7th – how often? They are not picking up trash. Response: should be twice per week but will look into it.
	3. QUESTION – Can we get new trashcans on Rosemary like the ones on Clematis? The silver ones?
	4. QUESTION – Are you all focusing on the alley behind Fantasy Island? Response: Yes.
5. **Project Updates – Genia Baker, Project Manager**
	1. Genia stated that 719 N. Sapodilla project is going well, thanked Dale Materka our construction manager. Will be Vegan Fine Foods who was only one to submit proposal.
	2. D’ Best BBQ – Finishing out kitchen. Kenny needs another tenant, so contact him for more info if you know someone looking for a location.
	3. Fantasy Island grand opening should be here soon, stay tuned!
	4. 901 Tamarind is now out with a notice to dispose, for 30 days
6. **Updates on Tamarind Avenue Streetscape – City of WPB/Michael Goldstein**
	1. Provided a PowerPoint presentation on the environmental study for Tamarind Avenue to take place before Phase 3 due to the contamination issue found on Phase 1 and 2. Will need this to take before next steps.
	2. QUESTION – From Carver to Tamarind, the roundabout, will it say the way it is? Response from Vlad: This is another project, will redo 7th Street and Carver from a grant, probably 2026 will go from 7th to Australian to Palm Beach Lakes (dips in road).
	3. Going to make sure of no environmental issues to be prepared from 7th to Tamarind.
	4. QUESTION – How long will it take to complete? Response: Study will take 4-6 months.
	5. QEUSTION – Glad issue is coming up. Issue with water contamination happen because of pipes being broken? Is that how we found it? Mentioned boiling water. Response: Site assessment and an investigation is being had to find out where it exactly started. Vlad response: A pipe bursting is usually because it is an old pipe, material expanding and contracting due to the cold weather. This is why CRA is taking the steps on this project.
	6. QUESTION – Who will be overlooking what the contractors will be doing? Response: As a general matter, State of Florida will review and City will provide oversite (State not maintaining) need someone locally. District office is actually here in WPB.
	7. QUESTION – When you close down, will it be closed in phases? Response: Yes, it will be phased out around 3rd quarter this year. Also mentioned an oversight schedule is included in the agreement of deliverables.
	8. QUESTION – You mentioned tax credits being sold, cash goes where? Response: Back to community and fund projects in the City.
	9. QUESTION – Accident in front of his building, street paint is needed to be looked at 3rd and Rosemary.
7. **Budget Updates**
	1. Jade mentioned please provide us with any ideas you see for the budget for projects in HNW.
8. **Ansley mentioned the upcoming event – BBQ Brews and Blues on June 28th, 2025!**
9. **Adjourned by Jade**

**Action Requested Items:**

* Dog pales/bags at Heart and Soul Park
* Update on bathrooms for Heart and Soul Park?
* Trash cans on Rosemary like silver ones on Clematis
* Look into street paint in front of 3rd and Rosemary