

BVRAC Workshop on 17 Sep 2015

Agenda Topic: Overcome road blocks to eliminating blight/slum conditions

PROPOSAL: Hire the BVRAC Program Manager. Identify the road blocks to eliminating blight/slum conditions in Bahama Village for the property at the corner of Fort and Geraldine Streets and develop ways to overcome them. Direct and find funding for the demolition of the buildings to enable redevelopment to proceed.

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REQUEST: Hire the approved BVRAC Program Manager and include in his/her duties to facilitate the BVRAC in enabling the demolition and redevelopment of the structures and property at the corner of Fort and Geraldine Streets.

RATIONALE: Two of the major road blocks to redevelopment of the dilapidated buildings at the corner of Fort and Geraldine are: 1) clear ownership. 2) the cost of removing the current structures to allow other uses for the property that would benefit Bahama Village. One of the most deserving properties of action by BVRAC is this property. It is falling down and represents some of the worst conditions in Bahama Village. The property is one of the prime properties for redevelopment which is described in the Florida Statute below:

The legislative intent for creating a Redevelopment Agency is to:

Eliminate slum/blight conditions which:

- cause a menace;
- cause a threat to public health, disease and/or crime;
- decrease the tax base;
- impair economic growth;
- inhibit the creation of housing;
- aggravate traffic hazards and/or problems; and/or
- require extra services from police, fire department, accident response and hospital facilities.

Reference: SUMMARY OF THE FLORIDA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ACT (Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes).