CRA BOARD DECEMBER 6, 2010

CRA Board Members Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, CRA Board Presiding Officer Tambra Varnadore, Chair Alan Zirkelbach, Vice Chair Tamara Cornwell Mary Lancaster Brian Williams

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (non-agenda items): Comments will be limited to two minutes.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Zirkelbach moved, Ms. Varnadore seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the December 6, 2010 CRA Board agenda.

2. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

A) Minutes: November 1, 9 and 15, 2010, 2010	(TAB 1)
B) Storefront Grant SF10-09	(TAB 2)
C) 2011 Residential Rehabilitation Program	(TAB 3)

MOTION: Ms. Varnadore moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the December 6, 2010 CRA Board Consent Agenda.

3. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. DeLesline displayed a conceptual drawing of a 40'x45' addition to the existing warehouse, which was the storefront grant approved on the Consent Agenda

Mayor Bryant acknowledged Mr. Turner, Habitat Humanity, and asked that he convey the City's appreciation in working with his board.

Mr. Burton briefly discussed the CRA Action Status spreadsheet. He updated the Board on the status of the bait shop, stating he would still like to make the pavilion a walk-up food facility and bait shop. The CRA Advisory Board, with the exception of Mr. Costides, was not in favor of creating a restaurant at the location. Ms. Bryant agreed with Mr. Costides, stating it needs to be reconsidered.

The Board discussed the activity that is taking place at the end of the Green Bridge. Mr. Burton stated that the police need to take a more positive role in city parks, and there are budgeted funds for walking patrols. Mr. Burton will research the topic and bring back proposals to address the issues.

Mr. Burton discussed the success of Bradenton's Get Down Downtown, stating it is a function of the Bradenton DDA. He opined that the CRA could sponsor events, not individual vendors, but there would be rules and regulations to follow, and fees would be applicable

Mr. Burton briefly touched on the remainder of the items on the spreadsheet and discussed upcoming topics the CRA Advisory Board will be considering.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Board concurred with the Mayor's suggestion that the CRA needs a vehicle that will be functional and that the CRA Advisory Board should review the recommendation.

Mr. Freeman announced that Board Members Lancaster, Varnadore and Williams had submitted Form 8B Voting Conflict, not because of a voting conflict, but because they are property owners or family members of property owners with the CRA District.

5. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Williams

Mr. Freeman confirmed that either the code enforcement director or officer can be contacted regarding CRA code enforcement issues. A meeting has been held with the potential buyer of Lone Oak Mobile Home Park to discuss code enforcement issues. Mr. Burton discussed the possibility of the park applying for a storefront grant for the commercial side of the park property. Mr. Burton also discussed Carr Drain that runs through the park, and future plans he is researching to create a trail between the mobile home park and MLK Park. He also discussed using the HUD Code for addressing derelict mobile homes.

Mr. Williams asked that the CBI Building be visited.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes approved:

James R. Freeman

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