

**CRA BOARD MEETING
MAY 16, 2011
7:34 PM**

CRA Board Members Present

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

Staff Present:

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

Presiding Officer Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Zirkelbach seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 16, 2011 CRA Board agenda.

2. CRA BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: April 18, 2011
- B. Women's Club Storefront Grant #11-09 in an amount not to exceed \$5,617.50

MOTION: Ms. Varnadore moved, Mr. Zirkelbach seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 16, 2011 CRA Board Consent Agenda.

3. CRA BOARD & CRA ADVISORY BOARD JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting regarding the Lamb and Sutton Parks conceptual design of improvements proposed by Moore 2 Design was scheduled for June 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Burton stated the Board's comments and information contained in the study performed by the Y have been incorporated into the proposed plan. He briefly summarized some of the proposed changes. The entire conceptual plan will be reviewed at the joint meeting.

4. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Other topics briefly discussed were:

- The pilot 5th Street Streetscape project, a precursor to planned improvements for 8th Avenue. It will be necessary to purchase additional right-of-way properties if the project proceeds.
- 4th of July event
- Residential Rehabilitation Program, which will become known as the Code Compliance Program, and be funded through grants
- Businesses that have contacted the CRA about rebuilding in the district
- Commercial Incentives that are being developed

5. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Requested further discussion about the CDBG grant for housing, to move the item forward as quickly as possible. Stated a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with Manatee County regarding sustainable housing. Mr. Burton recommended that a grants writer be selected to write a CDBG grant and administer it, if awarded.

6. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

No reports.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 6, 2011

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk