

CRA BOARD MEETING
January 7, 2013
7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, CRA Board Presiding Officer
Tamara Cornwell
Jonathan Davis
Charles Smith
Tambra Varnadore
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
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: **Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 7, 2013 CRA Board Agenda.**

2. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: December 3, 2012
- B. Blalock Walters Special Legal Billings

Motion: **Mrs. Varnadore moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 7, 2013 CRA Consent Agenda.**

3. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton informed the Board that the City applied for a \$250,000 grant for the MLK Park project through BP funding. SWFWMD funds that have been received for the park will be used to match with the grant funds, if awarded. Mr. Freeman explained that the funding will be coming from the Southwest Florida Regional Estuary Program. They will look at all the applications they receive and funding will be awarded from the money they have received from the BP Oil spill.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding from the BP Oil spill and the grant for MLK Park. Mr. Smith would like to see a letter from the attorney that is handling the City's BP Oil spill claim stating that applying for and receiving grant funding is separate and will not affect the City's claim.

Mr. Williams asked about a list of projects that the CRA is working to receive grant funding for. Mr. Burton will bring a list of ongoing projects in the CRA District to the Board at the next meeting.

Mayor Bryant informed the Board that she would like to see some criteria written to define what qualifies a preferred vendor in the CRA District. Discussion ensued on what criteria the Board would like to see define a preferred vendor. Mrs. Varnadore would like more time to discuss this issue before something is written. This discussion will be placed on the next workshop agenda.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None

5. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Smith—Asked about the Brush with Kindness and the partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Burton will provide Mr. Smith with the waiting list of the houses to be painted.

Mr. Smith reminded the Board of the Multi-Cultural Festival on January 19, 2013.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE CRA BOARD

None

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes approved: February 4, 2013

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk