

CRA BOARD MEETING
March 4, 2013
7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Tamara Cornwell

Jonathan Davis

Tambra Varnadore

Brian Williams (Departed the meeting at 7:57 p.m. and returned at 8:16 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer

Charles Smith

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney

Jeff Burton, CRA Director

Jim Freeman, City Clerk

Allen Tusing, Public Works Director

Rick Wells, Chief of Police

Deanna Roberts, Administrative Assistant

Vice Mayor Varnadore called the March 4, 2013 CRA Board meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and motion carried 4-0 to approve the March 4, 2013 CRA Board Agenda.

Public Comment: Non-agenda item:

Lois Davis, 312 12th Street West, Palmetto, expressed concern about safety at MLK Park. The path to the park is behind homes in a highly infested drug area. She requested that the City use the property it bought on 12th Street for a community-based police office.

Mr. Burton commented that they met last week and they have already begun to make adjustments to the plan to alleviate some of her concerns.

2. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes: February 4, 2013

B. Grower's Hardware Store Front Grant

MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and motion carried 4-0 to approve the March 4, 2013 CRA Consent Agenda

3. SUTTON PARK PAVILION RANKING

The RFP for pavilion construction was advertised and five responses were received. The CRA ranking Committee ranked Zirkelbach Construction as number one and Stellar Development as number two.

Mr. Burton stated that this is for the pavilion roof. A design was done and an RFP was advertised. Zirkelbach Construction was ranked by the committee as number 1. Not only did he have the lowest price, he had the quickest time of construction. This needs to be done in time for the July 4 celebration. It includes an automated movie screen, security cameras and routing of conduit to the Historic Park to use for cameras there, and connection over to the library [where the City's existing fiber is located]. He would like to negotiate the contract and bring it back to the next meeting.

Mrs. Varnadore asked what safeguards are in place to protect the equipment from vandalism. Mr. Burton explained that the audiovisual will be stored in the roof of the pavilion. He is working with the Police Department to implement their recommendations too. The Deputy Chief and Mr. Moore spent a lot of time

on the security system talking to the vendors. Mr. Moore said the bid documents were very specific. Mr. Burton said this is a pilot program and he wants to camera MLK Park as well.

Chief Wells said that the Police Department has money and will be placing cameras at locations around the City and will use the same cameras as the Parks Department. The dome lenses on the cameras are hard to get to and harder to break.

Mrs. Varnadore asked Mr. Burton about the asphalt. She commented that the area in front of Sutton Park is patchy and looking bad; it needs to be paved. He said that is Alternate #1, and it is not included. He informed the Board that he will have to do a budget adjustment for a contingency, which could include Alternate #1 if there are eventual add-ons. He will have to come up with an extra \$131,920 for the project budget and contingency. He has \$456,000 budgeted now for Sutton Park, and with the extra funding the project will be \$588,000. Mrs. Varnadore commented that it defeats the purpose to put over \$500,000 in the park and have a patchwork pavement in front of it. Mr. Burton said within three years we will have the Multi-Modal Enhancement Corridor Grant which will pay for it. She stated that, in her opinion, we could not wait three years. He then recommended moving forward with the project with the full contingency, being frugal and hopefully having the funds at the end of the project for the paving.

MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and motion carried 3-0 to select Zirkelbach Construction as our first choice and authorize the CRA Presiding Officer, CRA Director, and City Attorney to negotiate a contract. In the event that negotiations of an acceptable contract are not successful prior to our next regular meeting, I move to authorize the negotiations with the number two ranked provider, Stellar Development. Commissioner Williams was absent for the vote.

Discussion: Commissioner Cornwell commented that one high score made the difference in the rankings. Mr. Burton said the system the Purchasing Agent uses has been used for years. Mr. Barnebey suggested not making a change in the purchasing process on this item, but if the Board would like to look at a system where you look at the high and low rankings we can do that.

4. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Work will be done at the Green Bridge gateway into the City to get rid of the FPL power poles on the southwest corner. A transformer which powers the fishing pier will be put on the ground.

CRA is seeking an out-of-cycle grant from SWFWMD for Low Impact Design (LID) for red bricks at the boat ramp.

On March 23 the CRA will partner with Better Manatee Day for landscaping on the northeast corner of the gateway in preparation for new signage there in the future. Better Manatee will fund the work through a Bradenton Kiwanis grant. The signage will mirror the signage used at Sutton Park and the red brick at the Carnegie Library to carry the downtown theme to the gateway.

Mr. Burton informed the Board that the City was ranked #6 for a \$250,000 Restore Grant. This is BP money. Anything with a ranking smaller than an 8 will be funded. The money will go to MLK Park and will be used to clean the storm water before it flows into the Manatee River and the Estuary Park. The total cost of the MLK Park project will be about \$1.3 million and the majority of the money will come from outside funding sources.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Varnadore thanked Barbara Gaulien and Roberto Gonzalez for staying for the meeting and for volunteering to serve on the CRA Advisory Board.

6. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Davis

Asked Mr. Burton if there will be signage alerting people to the use of the security cameras. Mr. Burton said the Police Department and attorney will work on the signage and verbiage.

Commissioner Williams

Asked Mr. Burton about estimates on the playgrounds. Mr. Burton said this will be on the next workshop. This will be our landmark park, and we need to fund it right to create an outstanding children's area.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE CRA BOARD

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes approved: March 18, 2013

James R. Freeman

James R. Freeman, City Clerk