

CRA BOARD MEETING
June 2, 2014
7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer
Jonathan Davis, Chair
Brian Williams, Vice Chair
Tamara Cornwell
Charles Smith
Tambra Varnadore

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 7:57 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 2, 2014 CRA Board Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: 5/5/2014
- B. Popi's Storefront Grant #2014-03
- C. Final Standard Incentive Contract
- D. 1806 5th Avenue West Renovation
- E. Site Assessment Former Edenfield Property

Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the June 2, 2014 CRA Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Varnadore questioned Item C, Final Standard Incentive Contract, of the Consent Agenda. This item was missing two pages to the document and will be placed on the next CRA Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Davis modified the motion on the floor to approve the June 2, 2014 CRA Consent Agenda with the removal of Item C, Final Standard Incentive Contract. Mr. Williams seconded the modification. The modified motion carried 5-0

4. MLK PARK UPDATE

Mr. Gause discussed the update that was emailed out to Commission earlier today regarding the Project. The Park is moving forward and is on schedule. Commissioners were pleased with the budget. Discussion ensued regarding a piece of land that is owned by a resident, Mr. Jackson. Mayor Bryant stated that there is a meeting with Mr. Jackson tomorrow regarding the piece of land that he owns and MLK Park.

5. RIVERSIDE PARK BOAT RAMP UPDATE

Mr. Gause stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Boat Ramp Project should be going out this week. The due date for responses is July 7th. After the responses are received, a committee will review and score them with a recommendation coming to Commission and the CRA Board for approval in August. Mr. Gause estimates a substantial completion date of February 2015. As requested at the last CRA Board meeting, he spoke with Manatee County regarding the closures of County boat ramps. He stated that the 59th Street boat ramp will be closed in the County in November to work on the parking lot. He is confident that the other boat ramps throughout the County will be accessible for boaters to use during the construction of the City's boat ramp.

Mayor Bryant requested the signs be displayed well in advance of the beginning of construction to allow boaters enough notification of the closure of the ramp.

Mr. Gause updated Commission on the Sutton Park bathrooms stating that they are to be substantially complete and useable by July 2nd.

6. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton met with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to discuss multi-modal funding of up to \$3.5 million. He should be receiving an agreement from them in 60 days regarding the design. He is also working with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to obtain grants for the project to be used with the funding that will be received from FDOT. Mr. Burton explained the first phase of the multi-modal corridor will begin at the Green Bridge down both sides of Riverside Park, down Riverside Drive West and stopping at the entrance to It Works! Global.

He announced that June 19th will be a walkthrough of the new It Works! Global building.

Mr. Burton invited the Board to attend the CRA training on July 11th for budgeting and financing. He asked if anyone would like to attend from the Board to please let him know as soon as possible.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant is pleased at how quickly the restrooms are coming along in Sutton Park.

8. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None.

Mr. Burton would like the restrooms at Sutton Park to be for women only during the fourth of July because he has been made aware that port-o-lets are not lady friendly. The Board agreed.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 4, 2014

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk