

**CRA BOARD MEETING**  
**January 5, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director—(Arrived at 7:24 p.m.)  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Allen Tusing, Director of Public Works  
Rick Wells, Chief of Police  
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 7:19 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant removed item 3C, Store Front Grant #15-01 from the agenda.

**Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Mrs. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 5, 2015 CRA Board Agenda with the removal of item 3C.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. December 1, 2014 Minutes
- B. Generic Incentive Agreement
- C. Store Front Grant #15-01 Timothy Lester (**REMOVED**)
- D. Store Front Grant #15-02 Downtown Investment Holding, Inc.
- E. Store Front Grant #15-03 600 Palmetto, LLC

Mrs. Cornwell removed items B, D, and E of the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

**Motion: Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve item 3A of the January 5, 2015 CRA Consent Agenda.**

3B Generic Incentive Agreement Discussion:

Mrs. Cornwell questioned how the initial payment and percentages thereafter are determined. Mayor Bryant stated that the payments will be dependent upon available funds and the regeneration of the funds in the CRA. The duration of the payment will also be determined by the CRA Board.

In regard to Section 5.1, Attorney Barnebey agreed that the years should be blanked out and only filled in once an actual agreement is made. The consensus of the Board was to leave that space blank.

**Motion: Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve item 3B.**

3D Store Front Grant #15-02 Downtown Investment Holding, Inc. Discussion:

Mr. Burton explained the Store Front Grant process stating that applicants have to provide the CRA with three quotes on whatever part of the Grant they are applying for. This specific applicant is applying for reimbursement for painting and awnings. This applicant has followed the specific palette that was approved by the Board.

**Motion: Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve item 3D.**

3E Store Front Grant #15-03 600 Palmetto LLC Discussion:

Mr. Burton stated that this Grant is for painting of the building next door to City Hall, 600 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.

Commissioner Williams said that the estimates provided include pressure washing before painting of the building; he questioned if this is covered by the grant. Mr. Burton said that it is included and will be reimbursed.

**Motion: Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve item 3E.**

4. MLK PARK UPDATE

The monthly report was emailed to the Board.

5. RIVERSIDE PARK BOAT RAMP UPDATE

Bob Gause, Allison-Gause, stated that the substantial completions should be ready for when the F-2 races are to be held at the beginning of February. He asked Mayor and the Board to think about the date for a ribbon cutting reminding the Board that the ramp will not be open to the public until mid to late February. Mayor Bryant suggested that the ribbon cutting be held on a date before the F-2 races. The Board agreed and Mr. Gause stated he will work with the CRA to schedule a date and send it out to the Board.

Mr. Burton stated that the lights are on at the Riverside Park/Boat Ramp today.

Mrs. Varnadore appreciates the reports submitted monthly by Mr. Gause and requested that they be sent out a little earlier if possible.

Mrs. Varnadore questioned if the existing pavilion can be demolished all together and then when the conceptual is produced and approved, a new structure be built. Mr. Burton stated that the building is owned by the City and the City can demolish it at any time; as far as funding goes though, the restrooms located at the pavilion are tied to the boat ramp and that is how the CRA and City are able to request grant funds from the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) for fifty percent of the construction of a new building. Also, staff indicated to the Board that the control panel for all the electricity at the park and boat ramp is housed in the existing pavilion structure. Discussion continued regarding the existing structure.

6. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton informed the Board that there is training available from the state for the multimodal best practices. Since this is something that the City and CRA will be discussing, and the training is free, it might be best if some or all of the Board members can attend the training. The training is one day and is held by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

He said that he should be hearing back from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) soon for the beginning of the multimodal project at Riverside West.

Mr. Burton announced that the bags for the fair have been received.

He will be bringing forward contracts for the performing acts for the Fourth of July event this year.

In regards to the Multicultural Festival, everything is coming together. Commissioner Smith helped provide an artist for the Festival. The Festival will begin around 1:00 p.m. and continue until 6:00 p.m. There will be more rides this year for the children. Commissioner Smith questioned why the Festival will be ending earlier than last year, opining that this early time may upset the vendors. He will discuss with Mr. Burton before the Festival.

#### 7 PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant informed the Board that she will be recognized at the Youth Center's Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet on Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> for the Government Award.

#### 8 CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Cornwell—congratulated the Mayor on receiving the award; she has another commitment on Friday so will be unable to attend the Banquet.

She stated that recently she has been walking at the Riverwalk in Downtown Bradenton. She discussed the difference in lighting at the Riverwalk versus the Sutton and Lamb Parks. She requested that more lighting be looked into for those parks.

Mayor Bryant asked Mr. Burton to send the Board information regarding the training he discussed and the dates the training is available.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes approved: February 9, 2015

*James R. Freeman*

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