

**SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING
BEGINS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS
November 16, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Deanna Roberts, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 8:42 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the November 16, 2015 Special CRA Board Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Bush, president of Jet Mobile Home Park, addressed the CRA Board. She confirmed that she had been sworn. She said the park had heard rumors about a proposed kayak launch behind Jet Mobile Home Park and lighting all night along the canal. Mr. Burton explained the kayaks would be stored under the FPL solar installation. She was not familiar with the solar building, and Mayor Bryant said she would send the plans to her if she would leave her email address.

Mr. Burton explained the lights would be LED, and they are very directional; they aim down. He does not think any park lights are on all night long. They should not create a problem for Jet Park. There will be security cameras in the park, too.

Mrs. Bush said the park has privacy and security concerns with the kayak launch. Mayor Bryant informed her that the kayak launch is in the very initial planning stage.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Blalock Walters Legal Bills
- B. Purchase of Edenfield Property 505 5th Street West

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the November 16, 2015 Special CRA Consent Agenda with the removal of Item 3.B. for discussion.

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve Item 3.A.

Discussion Item 3.B.: Mr. Williams asked if a dog park will go there [Edenfield Property]. Mr. Burton said it is up to the City, but right now the goal is just the cleanup of the property. Mr. Williams said if there is light at the dog park, there may be a lot of concerned citizens.

Motion: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve Item 3.B.

4. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton thanked the Board for helping to get through two major projects [living sea wall shoreline and riverfront multimodal]. He is excited about both.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant commented that she is pleased about getting the Edenfield Property cleaned up. She advised the Board that part of the grant application process was getting letters of support from the community, and she has received several already. The community support is very helpful.

Mr. Burton said we will need the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) agreements for the two big projects on the next agenda.

6 CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Varnadore asked the status of the community garden and if it needs to be part of the CRA Plan. Mr. Burton said it is in the CRA budget. He needs direction from the City on where to put it. Mrs. Varnadore asked if staff could make recommendations. She and Mr. Burton agreed to discuss the garden. Mayor Bryant commented she wants to be cautious and make sure it is sustainable.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 55 p.m.

Minutes approved: December 7, 2015

James R. Freeman

James R. Freeman, City Clerk