

**CRA BOARD MEETING**  
**May 2, 2016**  
**7:00 PM**

CRA Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 7:40 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

**Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mrs. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 2, 2016 CRA Board Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: April 4, 2016
- B. Blalock Walters Legal Bills
- C. Fiscal Impact Study Incentives

Mrs. Varnadore removed item C for discussion.

**Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mrs. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 2, 2016 CRA Board Consent Agenda with the removal of item C for discussion.**

Fiscal Impact Study Incentives Discussion:

Mr. Burton performed a study on the current incentives to determine how they are doing overall for the CRA and the businesses. He is still working on the incentive program to make it more accurate with the City and the CRA goals.

In regards to page 13 and the mention of historic preservation, Mrs. Varnadore would like more discussion regarding it. Mr. Burton explained that the Planning Department is to draft a document that goes along with the Comprehensive Plan regarding historic preservation and the CRA would incentivize it.

Mr. Williams questioned the millage rate calculations that are in the projections. Mr. Burton was able to get an estimate from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report over the years in the City. He was not successful at obtaining the information from Manatee County so he just based those calculations on the history.

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

4. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton announced that Smash Mouth is the musical act for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event this year.

He informed Commission that the City of Palmetto was awarded the Community Sustainability Partnership Program from the University of South Florida (USF). Staff from the City will be attending a meeting at USF on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Cornwell is looking forward to updates as the students work on the projects and would prefer a presentation at the end of the semester.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Bob Gause, Allison-Gause, informed Commission that the Living Shoreline project and the Seawall project have been completed with some minor things to be completed for the Living Shoreline.

He attended a preconstruction meeting today for the Riverside Drive project that is to begin May 31<sup>st</sup>.

6. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 18, 2016

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk