

CRA BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2017
7:00 PM

CRA Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Javier Vargas, Public Works Deputy Director
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 9:55 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Mrs. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the March 13, 2017 CRA Board Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: 12/19/2016 and 1/9/2016
- B. Blalock Walters Legal Bills

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mrs. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the March 13, 2017 CRA Board Consent Agenda.

3.B. Blalock Walters Legal Bills Discussion:

Mrs. Varnadore questioned if these legal bills are higher than what is to be expected going forward due to the volume of meetings and negotiations for the hotel. Attorney Barnebey stated that there are still more negotiations on some of the agreements that go with this and an opinion letter as well. There shouldn't be much higher fees going forward.

Mrs. Varnadore questioned the CRA budget allocation for legal fees. Mr. Burton stated there has not been enough money budgeted for the legal fees. He said that the CRA Board would have to accept that the CRA is responsible for the legal fees and instruct the CRA to prepare a budget amendment to come back to the Board for approval.

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to instruct the CRA Board to prepare a budget amendment to pay the legal bills that were just approved in the previous motion.

4. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton highlighted the dates and topics of future meetings. There will be a special meeting scheduled to discuss the July 4th event.

Attorney Barnebey asked that the Board reconsider item 3.B., Blalock Walters Legal Bills, and a new motion be made to approve the payment of the legal bills subject to the budget amendment.

Motion: Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to reconsider the motion made for item 3.B.

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve item 3.B. Blalock Walters Legal Bill subject to the budget amendment.

Mayor Bryant asked Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant, to coordinate meetings between the Commissioners (individually) and Mr. Burton to discuss the property located at 10th Avenue and Riverside Drive West.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None.

6. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Cornwell—mentioned that there is a parcel of property that the Historical Board wants to talk to Mr. Burton about.

Mrs. Varnadore—asked if in the current CRA Plan, there is an allowance for a swimming pool in the CRA District? Mr. Burton said yes and explained that the only thing necessary would be to add one property identification number to include with the Lincoln Park property number that is already included.

Mr. Burton informed the Board that part of the property located at the corner of 8th Avenue and Riverside Drive West will be fenced off to allow for testing to occur without being disturbed by motor vehicles.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 5, 2017

James R. Freeman

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