

**CRA BOARD MEETING**  
**January 8, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**

CRA Board Members Present:

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

CRA Board Members Absent:

Tambra Varnadore

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director  
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police  
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 7:47 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 8, 2018 CRA Board Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CRA BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

A. December 4, 2017 Minutes

**MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the December 4, 2017 CRA Board Minutes.**

4. ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE CRA BOARD

Commissioner Cornwell nominated Commissioner Varnadore as Chair for the CRA Board.

**MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to elect Commissioner Varnadore as Chair for the CRA Board.**

Commissioner Smith opined that the Vice Mayor shall serve as presiding officer for meeting, but not necessarily as the Chair or Vice Chair.

**MOTION: Commissioner Smith moved, Commissioner William seconded and the motion carried 5-0 to elect Commissioner Davis as Vice Chair for the CRA Board.**

#### 5. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

CRA Director Jeff Burton reminded everyone of the EDC Economic Forecast on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 7:30 a.m. at Manatee Technical College. Mr. Burton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Davis, City Clerk Freeman and Mayor Bryant will be in attendance.

University of Southern Florida (USF) has three (3) interns that are required to go through internships, 180 hours over the next semester, at no cost to the City. Interns will be at the CRA, possibly working on GIS projects. Mayor Bryant had already spoken with Chief Tyler and City Clerk Freeman, and both would be interested in having the interns assist with department projects.

#### 6. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None

#### 7. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None

Mayor Bryant adjourned the CRA Board meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes approved: March 5, 2018

*James R. Freeman*

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James R. Freeman, City Clerk