

**CRA BOARD MEETING
JUNE 6, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

This CRA Board Meeting was conducted utilizing Communications Media Technology. Some Staff members were present in the Commission Chambers while others were present via the Zoom application to respect the social distancing guidelines.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

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

STAFF PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Xavier Colon, Interim CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Mohammed Rayan, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Cassi Bailey, Assistant City Clerk
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant

STAFF PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

Todd Williams, Information Technology (IT) Consultant

1. Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:56 P.M.

2. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION:

Mr. Jones moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded, and the Motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 6, 2022, CRA Board Agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes: 05/23/2022
- b. Legal Bills

MOTION:

Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Jones seconded, and the Motion carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by staff.

5. Continuation of Recreation Site Discussions

Mr. Colon gave a brief synopsis of the project and referenced a Power Point that was attached to the Agenda. He highlighted the different options at both Sutton and Lamb parks for the proposed basketball and tennis courts.

Ms. Cornwell questioned the layouts and opined the different aspects of each park regarding restrooms, noise, and location. She suggested switching the basketball and tennis courts at Sutton Park. Her preference was Sutton Park.

Mr. Williams preferred Lamb Park because you do not have residents next to the park.

Ms. Varnadore is extremely opposed to either location.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones agreed with Mr. Cornwell regarding flipping the tennis and basketball courts around in Sutton Park.

Mr. Williams was not in favor of disrupting neighbors or removing trees in either location. He stated that he is adamantly opposed to Sutton or Lamb Parks.

Mr. Colon clarified that the models showed room for future events, and little disruption to the trees.

Discussions continued between the Board.

Mr. Freeman reminded the Board of the \$325,000 in funding that has already been allocated for a new basketball court.

Ms. Varnadore thought they should get the public's opinion before moving forward.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded, and the Motion carried 3-2 to allow staff to start the conceptual process for a recreation site at Sutton Park, switching the basketball and tennis courts. Ms. Varnadore and Mr. Williams voted nay.

6. CRA BOARD MEMEBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Cornwell expressed her excitement about the upcoming projects, especially the Women's Club.

Ms. Varnadore thinks they should have gotten public comment on the motion. She also asked when the next CRA meeting is. Aug 1st was answered.

Mr. Williams thinks we should put it in the quarterly briefing before moving forward. He also asked about the VFW lease and renovations. Mr. Colon responded that their lease expires in 2026 and he is working on possible grants and monies allocated to help restore the upstairs. Mr. Williams also questioned which surplus properties the CRA has. Mr. Colon responded that they are going out to bid for 2 properties within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Smith questioned the cost of the Basketball Courts. Mr. Colon responded that \$110,000 is the estimate. Mr. Smith thinks it will be great for the community.

7. CRA PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant is excited for the rehabilitation of the Women's Center.

8. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Colon provided updates on the removal of contaminated soil at 2 of 3 locations which is through a State facilitated program and funded by Federal Funds. He stated that they have received the Federal Permits for the Palmetto Bay Oyster Project. The State will be doing an evaluation on Main Street on June 23rd. He also requested approval from the Board to attend Leadership Manatee, which is approximately \$1,150.

MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve Mr. Colon to attend the Leadership Manatee Program.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED: JUNE 27, 2022

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