

**MINUTES
CRA BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
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.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

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

STAFF PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Edward Johnson, Interim CRA Director
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 8:04 pm

2. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION:

Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the September 11, 2023 CRA Board Agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes: 08/07/2023
- b. Resolution 2023-04 FY2024 CRA Budget
- c. FDEP Resilient Florida Grant Program- Estuary Preserve & Carr Project

MOTION:

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

Mr. Jones discussed item 4b. He questioned the 19% increase for the CRA regular staff, on page 93 of the budget. Mr. Johnson stated that the increases were consistent with the rest of the City.

5. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

No additional comments.

6. CRA PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

No additional comments.

7. CRA BOARD MEMEBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Williams questioned the closeout of Connor Park. Mr. Johnson answered that it should be within the next week or so and Mr. Gause will provide a final update at the October meeting. Mr. Williams requested the documents showing the initial discussion of the storm drainage, detailing what all would be connected to the retention pond. He noted that there are drainage issues at Connor Park. He wondered what was the point in having a retention pond, if it wasn't taking care of the stormwater. Mr. Williams stated that he would bring pictures to Mr. Johnson tomorrow to show him the issues he was referencing. Mr. Johnson will share the requested information with the whole Board.

Mr. Jones referenced a complaint he received about Taylor Park. Mayor Bryant noted that she received the same complaint, and they have it on their to do list to address.

Mr. Jones asked when the bathroom at the MLK park would be completed. Mr. Rayan responded that the final walk through was supposed to occur last Friday, but the contractor wasn't ready. They need to fix a couple of problems before that can happen.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Barnebey what the status was with the old fertilizer plant. Mr. Barnebey responded that they are still in remediation. He believed they are still consistent with their contract. Mr. Smith asked how long they have to complete the remediation and questioned the money that has

been loaned to them. Mr. Barnebey stated that he will look into those questions and get back to him.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: OCTOBER 9, 2023

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