

TAB 1

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CITY OF PALMETTO
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)
January 4, 2010
7:50 PM**

*PLEDGE OF PUBLIC CONDUCT
We may disagree, but we will be respectful to one another.
We will direct all comments to issues.
We will avoid personal attacks.*

CRA Board Members Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, CRA Board Presiding Officer
Tamara Cornwell
Mary Lancaster
Tambra Varnadore
Brian Williams
Alan Zirkelbach

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, Interim CRA Administrator
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Garry Lowe, Chief of Police
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items): None

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Mr. Zirkelbach seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 4, 2010 CRA Board agenda.

2. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

A) Minutes: December 7, 2009

MOTION: Mr. Zirkelbach moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 4, 2010 CRA Board Consent Agenda.

 3. INTERIM CRA ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton distributed a copy of the 1993 CRA Action Plan, stating the 1996 amendment only added property to the boundaries of the CRA District. He stated the information would be discussed in depth during the upcoming training. He briefly described the seven actions listed in the Plan as:

1. Code Enforcement
2. Image
3. Parks
4. Streetscapes
5. Business Development
6. Finance/Grantsmanship
7. Government/Zoning

Mr. Burton discussed statutory authority for code enforcement, and the CRA code enforcement as mention in the 1993 Plan. He reviewed code enforcement proposals he will be presenting to the CRA Advisory Board for approval, which include amendments to the CRA's strategy, personnel and budget.

Mr. Burton stated he hopes to have a CRA Plan to the CRA Board within a month.

In other business, the Board discussed the following with Mr. Burton:

- CRA's sponsorship of the MLK Celebration
- City's booth in the Manatee County fair
- Items approved by CRA Advisory Board that will have to be researched to ensure they are permitted by the Plan, i.e. the Safe Neighborhoods Program and assisting with the Mt. Carmel building
- Installation of the first mural that will be hosted by Popi's
- Posting of the murals and their description on the City's website
- Density in Ward 1
- Lighting and benches that can help with pedestrian traffic on 17th Street
- Zoning attached to the houses on 10th
- CRA's new maps
- Ways to camouflage empty buildings
- Timeline on when the seven items in the Plan will be concluded

4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Glad CRA has funded the demolition.



5. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Lancaster

Appreciate information. Opined it is very important to move forward with Code Enforcement.

Ms. Cornwell

Updated the Board on upcoming events: MLK; Fair's Citizen of the Year luncheon January 14, 2010 at 11:00; Saturday Bradenton River HS is Queen Contest.



6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CRA BOARD

Harry VanDerNoord, Regatta Pointe, addressed the Board regarding parking on Riverside Drive & 10th Ave. He stated it is always an issue, but opined it is not a problem at this point. If approved high density and zoned property on 10th Ave. is developed, it will become more of an issue. He stated that during an event at his location with over 150 in attendance, he insists on valet parking. Discussed some alternatives that can also increase parking in the downtown area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes approved:

James R. Freeman
City Clerk