

**APPROVED MINUTES
PALMETTO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2011 - 5:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

Betty Ann Price, Chair
Nick Costides
Sia Mollanazar
Charles Smith
McArthur Sellars

Staff and Others Present:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Scott Rudacille, City Attorney
Antoinette Kilgore, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Betty Ann Price call the meeting to order at 5:30

Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CRA ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION.

Discussion: None

Action: Nick Costides moved to approve the August 9, 2011 agenda.
Second by Sia Mollanazar.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. APPROVAL OF JULY 12TH, 2011 MINUTES. (TAB B)

Discussion: Mr. Burton stated that items #5 and #6 in the minutes should state that the board recommended approval of both incentive plans, except that that the applicant's award would be effective on the first day of approval, rather than retroactive.

Action: Sia Mollanazar moved to approve the July 12, 2011 Minutes.
Second by Nick Costides.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Recommendation of Community Redevelopment Subplan– Public Works (TAB C)

Discussion: Mr. Burton stated that the item has been withdrawn from the agenda and will be considered at a future date.

4. **Gateway Conceptual Plan**

Discussion: Mr. Burton provided a PowerPoint presentation and discussion regarding City Commissioners' request that the CRA look into ways to improve the appearance of the city and CRA gateways.

Action: **MacArthur Sellars moved to recommend development of a concept plan for improvement of the city's gateways at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Second by Charles Smith.**

Vote: **Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

5. **CRA Plan**

(TAB D)

Discussion: Mr. Burton provided a presentation on the status of the proposed CRA 2011-2015 plan.

Action: **Mr. Costides moved that the advisory committee recommend to the CRA Board/City Commission that the proposed plan be adopted. Seconded by Charles Smith.**

Vote: **Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

6. **CRA Budget**

(TAB E)

Discussion: Mr. Burton provided information on the development of the CRA budget for fiscal year 2012. Board members expressed concern about the budget document prepared by the city finance department and had reservations about recommending approval at that time. Local resident Jane Hunter suggested that the CRA keep the storefront grant program active and also inform the local business community of available opportunities and incentives. Mr. Costides suggested a CRA brochure and Mr. Mollanazar also suggested that the CRA could reach businesses through the occupational license renewal notifications that should be mailed out in the near future.

Action: **Mr. Costides moved that a special budget meeting be held by the advisory board at 5:30 on Thursday, August 25, 2011. Second by Sia Mollanazar.**

Vote: **Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

7. **CRA Attorney Comments**

Discussion: None

8. **CRA Director Comments**

Discussion: None

9. **CRA Advisory Board comments**

Discussion: None

10. **Citizens Comments**

Discussion: Jane Hunter expressed her concerns with the Agency decision not sell the CBI property. She did not agree with the 5th Street streetscape plan and thought that the whole matter had not been properly handled.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:5

Minutes approved by:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director