

**DRAFT MINUTES
PALMETTO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2015 - 5:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

Barbara Gaulien
Roberto Gonzalez
MacArthur Sellars

Staff and Others Present:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Antoinette Kilgore, Administrative Assistant
Scott Rudacille, Assistant City Attorney
Robert Marble, CRA Staff
Mike Maholtz, Sarasota Manatee MPO
Nick Lett, Renaissance Planning

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by MacArthur Sellars. A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CRA ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL.

Action: Barbara Gaulien moved to approve the April 14, 2015 agenda, with removal of two items from the agenda.

Second by Roberto Gonzalez.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2014 MINUTES.

Action: Barbara Gaulien moved to approve the August 12, 2014 minutes.

Second by Roberto Gonzalez.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Conceptual Approval -CRA Edenfield Property (Dog Park)

Action: The item was removed from the agenda.

4. Conceptual Approval -Riverside Park West Pavilion

Action: The item was removed from the agenda.

5. Introduction -CRA Plan Update

Discussion: Mr. Burton provided a summary of efforts underway to update the current CRA plan that nearing the end of its five year cycle. It was emphasized that the plan is currently a draft and work in progress, and that it was presented for discussion only. Mr. Burton pointed out the need to better document the results within the CRA from the use of funds allocated to such things as code enforcement and police protection. He also stated that some things will need to be added to a new plan, such as future efforts in housing, while there are also items in the current plan that no longer apply and will be removed. There was further discussion about various aspects of the CRA plan and future needs for the CRA to address as the plan is updated over the next year.

Transportation.

Mr. Burton introduced Mike Maholtz, senior planner with the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Nick Lett from Renaissance Planning to discuss the MPO's efforts to update its long range transportation plan. Mr. Maholtz and Mr. Lett gave an overview of the mission of the MPO and pointed out that the traffic problems with crossing the Manatee River are obvious points of emphasis with planning, but the MPO will also be looking at issues with traffic within Palmetto and other locations. Mr. Maholtz stated that that surveys and other information are on the MPO web site, while Mr. Burton stated that he would also post the items on the CRA Face Book page.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Haben Blvd. update

Mr. Burton pointed out that the CRA Board approved a budget adjustment to add \$30,000 for more work on Haben Blvd.

7. CRA Attorney Comments

No comments.

8. CRA Director Comments

Mr. Burton emphasized that he is available to meet with board members individually and that he will be working with the attorney in an effort to update the ordinance to adjust the advisory board size to three members.

Mr. Burton also stated that the Riverside Boat Ramp project is basically completed, with a few minor details to be finished soon.

The Fourth of July Festival will feature country music stars Rodney Atkins and Craig Campbell.

9. CRA Advisory Board Comments

Ms. Gaulien asked about the status of the two advisory board members who are no longer in attendance. Mr. Burton stated that their terms were up would not be replaced.

Mr. Sellars and Mr. Burton both recommended attending FRA classes in the future.

10. Citizens Comments

No comments.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – May 12, 2015