

**DRAFT MINUTES
PALMETTO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2011 - 5:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

Betty Ann Price , Chair
Nick Costides
Charles Smith
McArthur Sellars

Board Members Absent:

Sia Mollanazar

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.

Discussion: Due to a the recent mass shooting at Club Elite located in the CRA district, Lt. Scott Tyler of the Palmetto Police Department was invited to address the Advisory Board as the first item on the agenda.

Action: **Charles Smith moved to approve the September 13, 2011 agenda, with the additional item added.
Second by Nick Costides.**

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

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 9, 2011 MINUTES.

Discussion: Ms. Price pointed out an error on #6 in which a portion of a name was not removed during editing.

Action: **Nick Costides moved to approve the August 9, 2011 minutes with the correction to item #6,.
Seconded by McArthur Sellars.**

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

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 25, 2011 MINUTES.

Discussion: None

Action: Charles Smith move to approve the August 25, 2011 minutes.
Seconded by Nick Costides.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Lt. Tyler discussed the recent shooting and how the case can be helped by CRA initiative in the community policing sub-plan to match the Manatee County Crimestoppers "tip" money in support of the effort to solve major crimes within the CRA district. During discussion, Mr. Burton stated that the matching funds program has been approved by both CRA boards. He also pointed out that "reward" signs will be printed and posted, in an effort to have witnesses come forward. Further discussion ensued regarding things that the CRA can do, including a reward poster, to deal with the recent incident and future crime.

Action: Nick Costides moved to recommend that Mr. Burton discuss with the Mayor the possibility of expediting a program to spend significant funds for the security of the city with an eye toward cameras.
Second by McArthur Sellars.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Suncoast Community Capital - Mike Kennedy Executive Director Suncoast Community Capital

Discussion: Mr. Kennedy provided an overview of the mission and services provided by Suncoast Community Capital, a non-profit organization that specializes in assisting entrepreneurs through training, and helping with access to capital and providing other resources. Suncoast Community Capital is working with the Manatee Community Federal Credit Union on micro-loans and also with the Kauffman Foundation and its Urban Entrepreneurship program.

Action: Given that the FY2012 budget is already set, the consensus was that the opportunity for CRA involvement with Suncoast Community Capital and its partners be considered again at a future meeting.

5. Residential Rehabilitation Plan – Amended Presentation

Discussion: Mr. Burton gave an update on the current program and explained the changes to the Residential Rehabilitation Plan, to include added definitions, a revised goal statement, and a provision for Code Enforcement verification. Further adjustments to the plan were discussed, including Mr. Costides' suggestion to

add a statement saying that the owner must have the ability to fund required upkeep after rehabilitation is completed.

Action: **McArthur Sellars moved to recommend approval of the revised Residential Rehabilitation Plan, with the change suggested by Mr. Costides.
Second by Charles Smith.**

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

6. 4th of July, 2012 Presentation

Discussion: Mr. Burton presented a detailed summary of costs for the 2011 4th of July concert and celebration. Looking forward to the 2012 program, Mr. Burton showed results from a preference survey posted on Facebook, along with probable costs for four bands being considered for next year. He also discussed potential changes for next year's event, ideas for a multi-cultural event at Lincoln Park, and progress with the Sutton Park project.

7. CRA Attorney Comments

No comments

8. CRA Director Comments

Discussion: Mr. Burton provided updates on progress with the Sutton Park project and survey work being done for projects involving gateways, the 5th Street Streetscape and the M.L. King Park. He also stated that the CRA brochures should be ready soon.

9. CRA Advisory Board comments

Mr. Sellars thanked everyone for supporting the 2nd Teacher Appreciation event that was held at his church and also mentioned the upcoming Relay for Life.

Mr. Costides – No comments.

Mr. Smith explained that Popeye's is looking to expand to four locations in Manatee County.

Ms. Price – No comments.

10. Citizens Comments

Bob Marble stated that if the Store Front Grant program covers cameras, we can encourage businesses to install them on their buildings.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:27