

**APPROVED MINUTES
PALMETTO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 11, 2011 - 5:30 PM**

Board Members Present:

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

Staff and Others Present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Betty Ann Price. A moment of silence was observed and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CRA ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL.

Action: Nick Costides moved to approve the October 11, 2011 agenda.
Seconded by Charles Smith.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MINUTES.

Action: Charles Smith moved to approve the September 9, 2011 minutes.
Seconded by Nick Costides.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Palmetto Art Center (Gold Commercial Investments Inc.) Storefront

Discussion: The grant request is for replacement of windows, soffit and fascia. Mr. Costides expressed concern that the store front grant program should result in a noticeable improvement in a building's appearance and that it currently reimburses for some improvements that do not accomplish that objective. Mr. Burton agreed that revisions should be considered in the future.

Action: Nick Costides moved to approve the Storefront Grant request.
Second by Charles Smith.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion ensued about increasing awareness by more businesses of opportunities available through the CRA. Mr. Burton stated that the CRA brochures will be ready soon, he plans to do a

survey to gather data for the CRA and for the Economic Development Council, and he would like to develop packets of information tailored to the respective use code areas within the CRA.

4. Storefront CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Provision

Discussion: Mr. Burton discussed adding a provision to the Store Front Grant program to provide incentives for businesses to install technical innovations based on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), with the CRA granting 75% of the cost of installation, with a maximum of \$10,000.

Action: **Nick Costides moved to recommend the CPTED addition to the Store Front Grant Program, with a word change from “maintenance” to “CPTED” on line 2 paragraph 2.**
Seconded by Sia Mollanazar.

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

5. Kingpin Non-Violence Training (Community Policing)

Discussion: Mr. Burton stated that, in response to an interest expressed by the mayor and police chief in providing appropriate training in light of recent incidents in the community, the CRA recommends the Kingian Non-Violence Training. It will be provided in by Manny Rivero from the Jim Walter Partnership Center at USF and funded by community policing funds.

6. Community Leadership in lieu of multicultural event

Discussion: There was discussion about the pros and cons of cancelling the multi-cultural event and concert planned for the Martin Luther King holiday and replacing it with a special leadership development initiative, in response to shootings that have occurred. Also discussed, was when CRA funds can or cannot be used in support of certain community events.

OLD BUSINESS

7. CRA Attorney Comments

No comment.

8. CRA Director Comments

Mr. Burton gave an update on all current and future project of the CRA.

9. CRA Advisory Board comments

Mr. Sellars – No comments.

Mr. Costides would like to see the CRA Action Status Report and the Engineer Project Report back on the agenda.

Mr. Mollanazar – No comments.

Mr. Smith asked if FS 163 has been updated and stated that it previously addressed funding support for non-profits.

Ms. Price – No comments.

10. Citizens Comments

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.