

**DRAFT MINUTES
PALMETTO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 12, 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
Jeremy Anderson, Hanlex Development

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 May 12, 2015 agenda, with removal of two items from the agenda.
Second by Roberto Gonzalez.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2015 MINUTES.

Action: Barbara Gaulien moved to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes.
Second by Roberto Gonzalez.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Dollar General – Incentives intent

Mr. Burton briefly discussed the incentives program and the various requirements that the application must meet in order to satisfy the intent of the program. He then introduced Jeremy Anderson, from Hanlex Development, LLC, who briefly described the construction project for the Dollar General store and the steps taken to meet the incentives requirements. After some discussion, Mr. Sellars asked Mr. Burton if he thought the application meets the intent of the incentive program and Mr. Burton stated he believes it does meet the intent.

Action: Barbara Gaulien moved to recommend that the Dollar General application meets the intent of the General Commercial Incentive Program.

Second by Roberto Gonzalez.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. CRA Plan Update

Discussion: In response to a question from Ms. Gaulien regarding changes to the CRA boundary that were made with the last plan revision, Mr. Burton explained the process that was used to add additional parcels to the CRA district.

Mr. Burton provided an update on changes being considered for revising the current CRA prior to adopting a new five year plan. He gave examples of projects that were identified in the last plan that have been completed and no longer need to be in the CRA plan. He also mentioned things will need to be added to a new plan, such as future efforts in housing, redevelopment association memberships, as well as changes to some current arrangements with City agencies. He asked board members to be thinking about ideas that they would like to see added to the plan. Mr. Sellars asked if the plan would cover that development of a hotel near the convention center, as well as a new police station. Mr. Burton explained how that can happen.

Also discussed were future changes to the plan and ordinances to reflect changes in the advisory board composition to three members.

OLD BUSINESS

5. CRA Attorney Comments

No comments.

6. CRA Director Comments

Mr. Burton discussed plans for the Fourth of July concert involving country music stars Rodney Atkins and Craig Campbell. He also mentioned that the next Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) conference will be held in October in Tampa and encouraged everyone to attend.

7. CRA Advisory Board Comments

Ms. Gaulien discussed progress with the work being done on Haben Boulevard and asked about beautification projects for all entrances to the city. Mr. Burton stated that it can be added to the CRA Plan for future possibilities.

Mr. Sellars asked about the status of restrooms for the MLK Park. Mr. Burton stated that the CRA will be working with the Palmetto Youth Center to facilitate their completion.

8. Citizens Comments

No comments.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – July 14, 2015