

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PALMETTO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD MEETING**

May 14, 2008

Board Members Present:

Alan Zirkelbach
Allen Langford
Scott Maloney
Sia Mollanazar

Board Members Absent:

Rose Tory (working night shift)
Shaun Frazier

Also Present:

Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director
Michele Hall, City Attorney
Beverly Minnix
Debbie DeLeon, EZ Representative
Eric Ball, City Commission Liaison
Charlie Ugarte, Planning & Zoning Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Zirkelbach called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Langford moved, Mr. Maloney seconded, and a motion carried unanimously to approve the Meeting agenda for May 14, 2008.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Langford moved, Mr. Mollanazar seconded, and a motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

B. Outbrief of the Manatee County Financing Fair was provided by the Executive Director highlighting partnerships that coordinated the Fair, sponsors, participating lenders & attendees.

C. Buxton Scout Demonstration was provided by the Executive Director highlighting the various features that provide demographic information via an internet website to business entities who may have interest in doing business in Palmetto.

D. Update on Foreclosure Prevention Initiatives was given by Beverly Minnix resulting in the Board requesting the Center for Financial Independence provide additional information on their services and associated fees to possibly coordinate funding certain Palmetto Homeowners who meet a yet to be determined set of criteria to save their home from foreclosure.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

E. CDBG Partnership The Executive Director advised the Board that the County has made the offer to Palmetto to partner in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). In past years, Palmetto has chosen not to participate because it eliminates the City's ability to apply for small cities funds as well as the fact that if we joined in the County's initiative, there is no guarantee of Palmetto being designated to receive any of the funds. The Board agreed and asked the Director to proceed in this same direction with the City Commission.

F. DEMOLITION OF POTENTIAL SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTIES

MOTION: Mr. Langford moved and Mr. Mollanazar seconded, and a motion carried unanimously to approve the demolition of potential school board property to be done by G & S Grade Service, specifically those properties at 835, 835A, 821, 821.5 & 823 9th Ave., with the charges not to exceed \$18,850.00 and payment at normal City cycles.

G. Stormwater Drain Repairs 5th – 7th streets/5th – 7th Avenue

MOTION: Mr. Langford moved, and Mr. Mollanazar seconded, and a motion carried unanimously to approve the stormwater drain repairs being completed by Subterrain Technologies, Inc., not to exceed \$185,000.00 and the complete pipe is to be slip lined and inspected for completeness.

The regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M with a brief recess before starting a 6:00 P.M. workshop.

V. RIVERSIDE/DOWNTOWN WORKSHOP

A. Stormwater Vault Concepts – Jim McLellan presented an overview of Jones Edmunds & Associates study of options related to stormwater retention in approximately 52 acres of the developed commercial area downtown. Various alternatives were discussed. The complete study is in the Agenda Package. Mr. Maloney suggested that the consultant review the project area on a lot by lot basis to confirm exactly how much of the area is available for potential development.

B. Downtown Development – Discussion ensued with commentary from Charlie Ugarte of the Planning & Zoning Board, Harry VanDerNoord of Regatta Pointe & Commissioner Ball offering opinions & suggestions on how to develop the downtown water front area inclusive of parking remedies, additional retail establishments, a more functional boat ramp and a waterfront hotel. The Board instructed the Executive Director to call on as many businesses in the area to attend the next CRA Board meeting/workshop in June, 2008.

VI. Executive Director's Comments –

A. Ms. Lukowiak advised the Board of the Ward I Infrastructure Project expenditures to date.

- B. Ms. Lukowiak advised the Board that there was a myriad of Public Record requests being made at this time.
 - C. Ms. Lukowiak indicated that the CRA would be taking advantage of college interns to catch up on clerical and non-technical tasks: ie laser fiche, door hangers, etc.
 - D. Ms. Lukowiak also advised the Board that the budget process is in full swing and that, due to financial limitations, anticipated expenditures will need to be reviewed very closely.
 - E. Ms. Lukowiak reminded the Board that there would not be a meeting in July.
- VII. Commissioner Ball thanked everyone for their hard work and commended everyone on a job well done.
- VIII. **Board Comments –**
- A. **Scott Maloney** - none
 - B. **Chairman Zirkelbach** – none
 - C. **Sia Mollanazar** – none
 - D. **Allen Langford** – none
 - E. **Shaun Frazier** – not present
 - F. **Rose Tory** – not present
- IX. **Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P. M.**