

**JOINT CRA BOARD AND  
CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2011  
5:30 P.M.**

Shirley Groover Bryant, CRA Board Presiding Officer

CRA Board Members Present:

Brian Williams, Chair  
Mary Lancaster, Vice Chair  
Tamara Cornwell  
Tambra Varnadore  
Alan Zirkelbach

CRA Advisory Board Members Present:

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

Staff and Others Present:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Antoinette Kilgore, Administrative Assistant

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Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

1. JOINT CRA AND CRA ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

**Action:** Motion by Nick Costides to approve the June 14, 2011 CRA Advisory Board agenda.

**Second by McArthur Sellars.**

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

**Action:** Motion by Brian Williams to approve the June 14, 2011 CRA Board agenda.

**Second by Mary Lancaster.**

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A) CRA Advisory Board Minutes: May 10, 2011

**Action:** Motion by Nick Costides to approve the May 10, 2011 Advisory Board Minutes.

**Second by Charles Smith.**

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

3. STORE FRONT GRANT #11-07 (620 8<sup>TH</sup> AVE. W.)

Advisory Board

**Action:** Motion by Nick Costides to recommend approval of the Leo Mills & Associates Store Front Grant request, SFG#11-07, minus the awning, in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,900.00, Seconded by Betty Ann Price.

**Vote:** Motion failed 2 to 3. (Aye-Costides, Price; Nay-Mollanazar, Smith, Sellars).

**Action:** Motion by McArthur Sellars to recommend approval of the application as submitted, in an amount not to exceed \$3,658. Seconded by Charles Smith.

**Vote:** Motion passed 3 to 2. (Aye- Mollanazar, Smith, Sellars; Nay - Costides, Price)

**CRA Board**

**Action:** Motion by Alan Zirkelbach, to approve the Leo Mills & Associates Store Front Grant request, SFG#11-07, minus the cost of recovering the existing awning, in an amount not to exceed \$3,392.00. Second by Brian Williams.

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

**4. LAMB AND SUTTON PARK REDEVELOPMENT**

Moore 2 Design presented a conceptual plan for the redevelopment of Lamb and Sutton Park.

**Action:** By consensus, the CRA Advisory Board and CRA Board voiced approval of phase one of the conceptual plan for the redevelopment of Lamb and Sutton Parks, as presented. Estimates for design and construction costs will be presented for approval at future meetings.

**5. 5<sup>th</sup> STREET STREETSCAPE DESIGN**

This project begins the redevelopment of the Downtown Commercial Core District. Part 1 of the project is the design for 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Part 2 of the project is redeveloping the City Hall parking lot with amenities that will be used in upcoming streetscape projects.

**Discussion indicated consensus among board members in favor of the streetscape project concept. More specific information regarding design costs and construction estimates that could be affected by the outcome of grant requests will be presented at a future date for consideration.**

**6. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Information was provided on utilizing Facebook to advertise the 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert. The director noted that the "Celebration Center" will be open for VIPs invited to the concert.

An update was given on efforts to tie the Martin Luther King Jr. Park into the linear park trail, to include the need for conducting topographical and wetlands surveys and title searches on the properties involved. It was agreed that approval has already been given to proceed with the effort.

**Advisory Board**

**Action:** Motion by McArthur Sellars moved for a recommendation that the director move forward with necessary topographical surveys, wetlands surveys and possible title searches of the properties involved. Second by Charles Smith.

**Vote:** Motion passed 4 to 1. (Aye—Costides, Molanazar, Sellars, Smith; Not voting—Price).

An update was provided on the possibility of locating a YMCA facility and pool in the area of the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> St. and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the need for appraisals, title searches and possible environmental surveys on some of the property involved.

**Advisory Board**

**Action:** Motion by McArthur Sellars to recommend approval of spending up to \$5000 for appraisals and other information needed on land in the southwest corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street being considered for purchase. Second by Charles Smith.

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

7. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

8. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Brian Williams – No comment.

Mary Lancaster – Commented on student performances scheduled at the Lincoln School and recognized Chief Wells for his contribution to the program.

Tamara Cornwell - No comment.

Tambra Varnadore - No comment.

Alan Zirkelbach - No comment.

9. CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Sia Mollanazar – No comment.

Betty Ann Price – No comment.

Nick Costides – Commented on the joint meetings and maybe trying to modify the meeting.

McArthur Sellars – Commented on the Fourth of July plans and a teacher appreciation program planned for August at the New Life church.

Charles Smith – Commented on his concerns about changes made to the proposed YMCA project.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CRA AND CRA ADVISORY BOARDS

No additional comments were made.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Brian Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Minutes approved by CRA Board August 15, 2011

*Jeff Burton*

Jeff Burton, CRA Director