

**CRA BOARD  
JUNE 6, 2011  
8:00 PM**

CRA Board Members Present

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

CRA Board Members Absent

Shirley Groover Bryant, CRA Board Presiding Officer  
Alan Zirkelbach

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director  
Rick Wells, Chief of Police  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the June 6, 2011 CRA Board agenda.**

Swearing-in of all persons intending to address the CRA Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: James Hanlon 702 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. reported he had given letter to Mr. Burton regarding the expansion of the CRA revitalization project, requesting that areas from the river to 14<sup>th</sup> Ave be included in the expansion. Attorney Barnebey confirmed the request can be made by petition or the Board can consider the request during review of the CRA map update. He cautioned that the area as a whole would have to be found to be blighted. Staff discussed past attempts to pave 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., stating that at this time there were not funds available to complete the project. Staff was asked to look at the area and report back their finding at the July 18, 2011 CRA Board meeting.

2. CRA BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

A) Minutes: May 16, 2011

**MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Ms. Varnadore seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the June 6, 2011 CRA Board Consent Agenda.**

### 3. CRA MAP UPDATE

Mr. Burton stated that the CRA comments were followed and Lincoln Middle School was added back to the map. He commented on the ability to add churches and mobile home parks to the map because of the possibility that current uses may change in the future and be available for redevelopment.

Mr. Burton informed the Board that only the right-of-way along 8<sup>th</sup> Ave around the curve on Business Highway 41 has been added to the map. He has been asked to add the right-of-way along Bus 41. He has been asked to also include the section north of that area that is cut by 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and all the agriculture pasture land that is to the south of the area. The CRA could assist in the development of the pasture land, but the General Fund would lose the developable tax revenue if the land is added to the map. Mr. Freeman stated that after an analysis of the additions and deletions to the map has been completed, the impact will be brought back to the CRA Board for approval of a final recommendation.

Mr. Burton was also asked to consider including the area where 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be expanded.

Mr. Burton confirmed that the map is conceptual and can change before the proposed adoption date of the CRA Plan in October.

It was consensus of the CRA Board to recommend approval of the current version of the CRA map to the City Commission. The map will continue to be brought to the CRA for approval as it is further amended.

### 4. CRA PLAN SUB PLAN: POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY POLICING INNOVATION PLAN

Mr. Burton explained that any power the CRA Advisory Board recommends to the CRA Board now has to be accompanied by the sub-plan. He reported the Police Department Community Policing Innovation Plan was unanimously approved by the CRA Advisory Board.

Chief Wells explained that the part-time citizens' patrol will be comprised of City employees who have completed the Citizens Academy to receive appropriate training. Members of the patrol will have no law enforcement authority. He also commented on the close ties that are being developed with the Hispanic community.

He discussed some youth programs that are being developed. He will provide a follow up report on the topic to the CRA Board.

**MOTION: Ms. Varnadore moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the Police Department Community Policing Innovation Plan as a sub plan for the draft CRA Plan and forward it to City Commission for approval.**

### 5. OUTSOURCE OF SIGN ORDINANCE

Mr. Burton offered to "walk the sign ordinance through the process", working with the P&Z Board and Code Enforcement. He stated the reason for the offer is so the CRA can incentivize the program. Attorney Barnebey stated it was permissible for the CRA Advisory Board to take over this task because they would concentrate on the signs in the CRA District, which contains most of the City's signage.

Discussion ensued on the lack of enforcement of the current sign ordinance and the need to involve residents and the business community in the process.

It was general consensus of the CRA Board members that the CRA should not be involved in the process, that the sign ordinance should be addressed by Commission.

6. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton gave a brief update on the following CRA projects:

1. Sutton and Lamb Parks Conceptual Design
2. CCNA contracts
3. Martin Luther King Park Design
4. Palmetto Linear Park Trail
5. Pool facility at 10<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
6. Baseball fields
7. CRA Plan and map
8. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscapes
9. 4<sup>th</sup> of July event
10. Residential Code Compliance
11. Commercial Rent Incentive
12. CDBG in the City Clerk's office
13. CRA Budget
14. Community Policing

Mr. Burton invited the Board to the unveiling of the mural painted by MSA students.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Eddie Money will be the artist performing at 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

8. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 1, 2011

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk