

**CRA BOARD MEETING  
MAY 7, 2012  
7:00 PM**

CRA Board Members Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer  
Brian Williams  
Tamara Cornwell  
Alan Zirkelbach  
Charles Smith  
Tambra Varnadore

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

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Bryant added the 5<sup>th</sup> St. FPL Easement as 2d under the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Smith seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 7, 2012 CRA Board Agenda with the addition of item 2b.**

2. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

a) Minutes: April 16, 2012

**MOTION: Ms. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of April 16, 2012.**

2b) SFG #12-03 to D&D's Pub, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$15,650

Mr. Burton confirmed that property taxes are current on the property, as required by the grant program. Discussion ensued on the fact that the property owner may have outstanding liens on other properties in the City. Attorney Barnebey advised that as the program is written, the CRA Board can only consider the property for which the grant is sought.

Mr. Burton was asked to take the Storefront Grant Program back to the CRA Advisory Board to consider making a recommendation prohibiting grant approvals to a property owner that has outstanding liens on any property located in the City.

**MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 4-1 to approve item 2b. Mr. Smith voted no.**

2c) Approval for counsel to file appropriate legal action, if necessary, to provide clear title to a 10-foot strip of property between the Cadence and Circle K properties

Attorney Barnebey recalled the Commission authorizing the Mayor to make the determination whether to move forward in looking at the question regarding the 10-foot hiatus. After considering all the issues regarding the issue, and discussing the topic with Attorney Barnebey, Mayor Bryant concluded it was in the best interest of the City to move forward. He stated that it may not be necessary to file to resolve the title issue. Because of the nature of the property and timing of the issue, he felt it best to have approval in place if legal action is necessary. He confirmed the parcel tax identification number was established by the Property Appraiser's office approximately one month ago.

Mr. Barnebey confirmed the title company has been requested to establish what is necessary to issue title insurance on the property.

**MOTION:** Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Smith seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve counsel to file appropriate legal action, if necessary, to provide clear title to a 10-foot strip of property between the Cadence and Circle K properties.

2d) 5<sup>th</sup> Street FPL Easement

**MOTION:** Ms. Cornwell moved, Mr. Smith seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve item 2d.

3. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton reported that on the Shell station property, the MPO has met with the EPA, who will furnish some grant funds to remove the hydraulic lift.

On May 21, 2012, Manatee County will discuss the WCIND applications for this year. County staff has recommended that the City receive grant funds next year for a complete revamp of the boat ramp. He is currently working with the State regarding property ownership issues with the topic.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None

5. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE CRA BOARD

None

7. ADJOURNMENT 9:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes approved: May 21, 2012

*James R. Freeman*

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City Clerk