

CRA BOARD MEETING
June 17, 2013
7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, CRA Board Presiding Officer
Tambra Varnadore, Chair
Charles Smith, Vice Chair
Tamara Cornwell
Jonathan Davis
Brian Williams

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Deputy Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 8:12 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: **Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 17, 2013 CRA Board Agenda.**

2. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: May 6, 2013
- B. Blalock Walters Legal Bill

Motion: **Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 17, 2013 CRA Consent Agenda.**

3. DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE REDEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES 2.0

Mr. Burton informed the Board that the following changes were made to the existing program:

- 1. Reduced total incentive from 30% to 25%
- 2. Added definitions and edited references
- 3. Edited goal
- 4. Added Non-Profit inclusion and 20% matching for brownfield job creation
- 5. Edited incentive chart
- 6. Rewrote individual incentive verbiage
- 7. Extensive detail for Brownfield Bonus Incentive was added

Mr. Williams questioned if the maps were changed in this document. Mr. Burton stated that the maps should be changed within the City's Comprehensive Plan; by doing that, the maps will then be changed in this document as well as the Downtown Core Design Code. Mr. Williams asked that changing the maps within the Comprehensive Plan be made a priority. Mr. Tusing was asked to discuss the issue with the City Planner.

Mr. Burton stated that all incentive applications will come before the Board.

Motion: **Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve amendments to Downtown Commercial Core Incentives.**

4. GENERAL COMMERCIAL CORE REDEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES 2.0

The following changes were made to the existing program:

- 1. Reduced total incentive from 30% to 25%
- 2. Added definitions and edited references
- 3. Edited goal

4. Added Non-Profit inclusion and 20% matching for brownfield job creation
5. Edited incentive chart
6. Rewrote individual incentive verbiage
7. Extensive detail for Brownfield Bonus Incentive was added

Motion: **Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve amendments to General Commercial Redevelopment Incentives.**

5. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton updated the Board on the progress of the pavilion at Sutton Park. He said that the pavilion will be functional for the event on July 4th but will not be fully completed by that date.

He asked the Board to come by the CRA office before June 20th to receive the bracelets for the meet and greet with the bands that will be performing at the 4th of July event.

Mr. Burton complemented Jen Silverio and his staff on all their efforts to put the July 4th event together.

There are currently three change orders for the Sutton Park Pavilion project that include lightning protection, amperage increases and Police Department signage.

The CRA is working with the Historic Park Board to fund security cameras, lighting, and garbage cans for the park.

He stated that the MLK Park is in the permitting stages with SWFWMD.

Mr. Burton discussed a meeting he will be attending on June 25th with SWFWMD regarding funding for the boat ramp.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None

7. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Williams—Asked that the CRA look into permitting for establishing a mooring field in the area where boats are anchored now. He has a contact that helped establish a mooring field in Bradenton Beach. Mayor Bryant asked Mr. Williams to have his contact call and set up a meeting with her.

Mrs. Cornwell—Noted how many people she has seen using Sutton Park.

Mr. Davis—Stated the City of Tampa recently had the Coast Guard go through their waters and do a sweep to get rid of boats.

Mr. Smith—Pleased with how the projects within the CRA are moving along.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE CRA BOARD

None

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 22, 2013

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk