

**CRA BOARD MEETING**  
**October 7, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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  
Rick Wells, Chief of Police  
Deanna Roberts, Administrative Assistant

Presiding Officer Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant called the October 7, 2013 meeting of the CRA Board to order at 8:55 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and motion carried unanimously to approve the October 7, 2013 CRA Board Agenda.**

2. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: August 20, 2013
- B. Blalock Walters Legal Bills

**MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Smith seconded, and motion carried unanimously to approve the October 7, 2013 CRA Consent Agenda.**

3. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton informed the Board that Mr. Gause was present at the meeting. Mr. Gause gave a brief update on Martin Luther King Park. He commented that his written report had previously been handed out to the Board. He reported the Request for Proposal (RFP) is out for bid, and there will be a pre-bid meeting tomorrow afternoon at Public Works. The project is moving forward. He hopes to have the RFP responses back in early November, and then the evaluation process will begin. The engineer's estimates show the project still on budget.

The boat ramp plans are being worked on. They should be wrapped up in a week or so. Both the park and the boat ramp are in the permitting process. The park is being permitted through Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and the boat ramp through the Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers. The current federal shutdown could delay the boat ramp permitting. The RFP for the boat ramp will probably go out in late November or early December.

Mr. Gause commented that in his next report in November he will have the plans available in a PDF format for the public to view. Mayor Bryant suggested sending them digitally to the press. He added he might include a written report and press release.

#### 4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant reported that the City has approval for the demolition of the old bait shop. The Seahorse Project itself has been delayed, as funds have been budgeted elsewhere.

Mr. Burton informed the Board that the new screen and projector at the park have been tested. It is movie quality. The pavilion covering is going up, and the security cameras will be up soon.

Mr. Burton stated, for the record, that the Olympia Theater is not being torn down. It is being rebuilt with stronger exterior walls to meet current codes.

It Works! Global is busy working on their building. The interior workmanship is incredible.

#### 5. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

##### Tamara Cornwell

Commented that she has never seen the park used as much as it is now. Mr. Burton said the RFP for the bathrooms will go out as quickly as staff can get it through.

##### Tambra Varnadore

She wanted to confirm that the Seahorse Project will be coming back to Commission for review. Mayor Bryant said it will, at a later date.

Mrs. Varnadore expressed concern to Mr. Burton about the size of the agendas. This one was short. She suggested leveling them out in the future instead of overwhelming the Board with one huge agenda at a meeting.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE CRA BOARD

None

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m. and reconvened the October 7, 2013 City Commission meeting.

Minutes approved: November 4, 2013

*James R. Freeman*

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James R. Freeman, City Clerk