

CRA BOARD MEETING
January 6, 2014
7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 7:09 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: **Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 6, 2014 CRA Board Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: December 2, 2013
- B. Custom Marine Canvas Store Front Grant 2014-01
- C. Haben roundabout Conceptual Landscape Plan
- D. Addendum to Agreement for Property at 1806 W. 5th Avenue

Motion: **Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 6, 2014 CRA Consent Agenda.**

4. MLK PARK UPDATE

Bob Gause of Allison-Gause informed Commission that he along with staff met with the contractor and were able to lower the cost for the project. The total estimated cost is currently \$1.2 million. Mayor Bryant is still working with Stellar on negotiations for the project. Mr. Gause discussed all the cost savings that they were able to negotiate with Stellar. He requested the Board allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the project with a not-to-exceed amount so that this project can keep moving along.

Motion: **Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Smith seconded the motion to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Stellar not-to-exceed \$1,204,000.**

Discussion ensued on adding the pavers back to the project as well as an additional amount for contingency.

Mrs. Cornwell modified the motion on the floor to change the amount to \$1,242,000 with an additional 10% contingency; Mr. Smith seconded the amended motion. The amended motion carried 5-0.

5. RIVERSIDE PARK BOAT RAMP UPDATE

Mr. Gause explained to Commission that all the permits have been received and is waiting for an agreement to be reached with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The Request for Proposal (RFP) can only be issued after the agreement with SWFWMD is received.

6. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

7. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant has asked Mr. Burton to provide her with more information regarding training related to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). She has asked him to attend the Disaster Resilient Community for the Urban Regional and Planning Department at the University of South Florida.

8. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Varnadore—asked Mr. Burton how the Sutton Park contingency is coming along. Mr. Burton stated that so far, less than half of the contingency has been used. Mrs. Varnadore asked if the remainder of the contingency amount could be used to pave along 10th Avenue in front of Sutton Park. Mr. Burton will work with Mr. Tusing to develop a plan on repaving that street.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes approved: February 3, 2014

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk