

CRA BOARD MEETING
April 7, 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:

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

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board meeting at 7:52 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: **Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 7, 2014 CRA Board Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: 2/24/2014 and 3/6/2014
- B. Apollo Project Incentive Package
- C. New Market Tax Credit Alliance

Mrs. Cornwell removed Item B for discussion.

Motion: **Mrs. Cornwell moved to approve the April 7, 2014 CRA Consent Agenda with the removal of Item B.**

Mr. Williams removed Item C for discussion.

Mrs. Cornwell amended her motion to approve the April 7, 2014 CRA Consent Agenda Item A, Minutes. Mrs. Varnadore seconded the amended motion. The motion carried 5-0.

3B. Apollo Project Incentive Package Discussion:

Mr. Burton answered Mrs. Cornwell's question regarding the demolition line item in the report.

Motion: **Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve Item 3B with the deletion of "demolition".**

3C. New Market Tax Credit Alliance Discussion:

Mr. Williams asked if the Attorney was going to review this information after it is approved tonight or would it be better if the Mr. Barnebey reviewed it before the Board approves it. Mr. Barnebey stated he would like to review it before.

This item will be brought forward to the next CRA Board meeting on May 5th.

4. MLK PARK UPDATE

Bob Gause, Allison-Gause, discussed the funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for this project. There have been some items in the budget that SWFWMD has decided not to fund and other items that they are still considering. He estimates funding from SWFWMD to be between \$300 and \$400 thousand for this project.

5. RIVERSIDE PARK BOAT RAMP UPDATE

Mr. Gause informed the Board that they are still waiting on the agreement from SWFWMD. After that agreement is received the request for proposal (RFP) for this project can go out. He would like to get the RFP out to bid before the next meeting in May. Due to the time-frame, he asked if a motion could be made to allow the Mayor to sign the SWFWMD Agreement once it has been received and with attorney review. Mayor Bryant gave two options, either she can sign the agreement, with Board approval and attorney review or she can call a special meeting once the Agreement has been received. Mrs. Varnadore requested a meeting with Mr. Burton to gain a better understanding on SWFWMD.

Motion: Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to allow the Mayor to sign the agreement with SWFWMD for the Riverside Park Boat Ramp in the amount of up to \$200 thousand subject to attorney approval. Mrs. Varnadore voted no.

6. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton stated that the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) will be coming to the City in February 2015 to discuss the construction of a bait shop near the boat ramp. He would a motion to allow staff to begin looking at the existing pavilion at the Riverside Park West to consider using that to build a new bait shop. This way Mr. Burton will be prepared for the WCIND application for the bait shop. He will prepare a conceptual plan and provide it to the Board at a future meeting. No motion was made at this time. This discussion will be placed on a future agenda and a motion will be made at that time.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None.

8. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None.

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

Minutes approved: May 5, 2014

James R. Freeman

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