

**CRA BOARD MEETING**  
**May 5, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**

Board Members Present:

Jonathan Davis, Chair  
Brian Williams, Vice Chair  
Tamara Cornwell  
Charles Smith  
Tambra Varnadore

Board Members Absent:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer

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

Chairman Davis opened the CRA Board meeting at 8:20 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Burton requested that item 3B of the agenda be removed.

**Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mrs. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 5, 2014 CRA Board Agenda with the removal of item 3B.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: 4/7/2014
- B. Florida New Market Tax Credits-**REMOVED**
- C. Residential Rehabilitation Overage

Mrs. Varnadore questioned the CRA plans on ensuring that overage will be prevented in the Habitat Rehabilitation Program. Mr. Burton and staff will be reviewing the program to update it and may increase the amount from \$25,000.

Attorney Barnebey clarified that the motion for item 3C should be for a one-time payment of \$4,670.65 for the Robinson house located at 1803 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.

**Motion: Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the May 5, 2014 CRA Consent Agenda.**

4. COMMUNITY GARDEN DISCUSSION

The consensus of the Board was to move forward on plans for a community garden.

5. MLK PARK UPDATE

Mr. Burton stated that the CRA is in negotiations with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) on the exact pricing. The pond is mostly completed for the Park.

Bob Gause discussed MLK Park update that was provided to Commission, informing Commission about the addition of some items to the contingency tracking report. A credit was received for the cost that was

estimated for directional drilling that will not be required. Mr. Gause stated that the project is moving along and on target for a completion date in September.

#### 6. RIVERSIDE PARK BOAT RAMP UPDATE

Mr. Gause stated that the agreement with SWFWMD has been received and signed. He is working on getting the request for proposal (RFP) out.

Bob Gause also discussed the recent update regarding the Sutton Park Phase 2 Restroom Project. He stated that the restrooms are ahead of schedule and should be completed by the end of June.

Mr. Smith complimented the CRA and Bob Gause on the MLK Project.

Mr. Williams asked about the funding from SWFWMD for MLK Park. Mr. Gause stated that SWFWMD is not funding as much as originally expected, but will still be funding approximately \$300 thousand for the Project.

Mrs. Varnadore requested the CRA and Mr. Gause coordinate with Manatee County regarding the closure of the City's boat ramp as well as any boat ramps that will be closed during the same time in Manatee County.

#### 7. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton stated that all projects are going well and are on schedule. He will be bringing forward to the Board ideas for the use of the property that was purchased on the corner of Riverside Drive West and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Burton's plans for next year are to work on the multimodal funding. It is a large project and he plans on tying SWFWMD funding into it as well.

#### 8. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None

#### 9. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None

Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 2, 2014

*James R. Freeman*

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