

CRA BOARD MEETING
August 4, 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

Board Members Absent:

Brian Williams, Vice Chair

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 8:25 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the August 4, 2014 CRA Board Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. June 2, 2014 and June 16, 2014 Minutes
- B. New Market Tax Credit Alliance
- C. Purchase of 705 10th Ave West Property
- D. Purchase of 505 5th ST West Property
- E. It Works Incentive Agreement
- F. Trade Rent Subsidy
- G. Blalock Walters Legal Bills

Attorney Barnebey removed item B for a short discussion.

Mr. Burton removed item E from the agenda.

Mrs. Cornwell removed item F for discussion.

Motion: Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve items A, C, D, and G of the August 4, 2014 CRA Consent Agenda.

3.B. New Market Tax Credit Alliance Discussion:

This item was previously discussed at the April 7, 2014 Workshop meeting. It is a Federal grant program that supplies funding for redevelopment projects. The Alliance is comprised of 30 cities and counties. Mr. Burton would like to subscribe to the Alliance for \$2,500. Attorney Barnebey stated that there is no deviation from the terms that are outlined in the agreement. Discussion ensued regarding how the program works.

Mr. Davis left the meeting at 8:36 p.m. and returned at 8:37 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve item 3.B. New Market Tax Credit Alliance.

3.E. It Works Incentive Agreement Discussion:

Mr. Burton removed this item from the agenda tonight to make changes and bring forward to the next CRA meeting.

3.F. Trade Rent Subsidy Discussion:

Mr. Burton explained that the CRA would like to create a rent subsidy for foreign domestic investment originating from the Port Manatee Foreign Business Incubator and in conjunction with Manatee County job incentives and the Economic Development Council (EDC). He stated that each subsidy will sunset at the end of five years; the subsidy reduces each of the five years; the subsidy is set in place to attract foreign business from the Port into the CRA and hopefully attract the business to create a permanent location in the CRA; subsidies are paid at the end of each rental year.

Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 3-1 to approve International Trade Rent Subsidy and to instruct staff to develop interlocal agreements with Manatee County, Manatee County Port Authority and the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation, and return agreements to the CRA Board for final approval. Mrs. Varnadore voted no.

4. MLK PARK UPDATE

The update that was provided by Bob Gause was emailed to the Board last week.

5. RIVERSIDE PARK BOAT RAMP UPDATE

The update that was provided by Bob Gause was emailed to the Board last week.

Mayor Bryant informed the Board that there will be a sign displayed near the boat ramp sometime this week that will notify the public of the closing of the ramp for renovations.

6. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton informed the Board that the City received 20 free live oaks, most of which will be planted at Sutton Park.

He announced that the permit has been pulled for the house that was given to the CRA in Jackson Park. He will be working to bring that property up to Code. Once it has been cleaned up, he will be working on trading that property with a commercial piece of land that has a dilapidated house on it. The only plan for that property currently is to remove the house and make the piece of land available for commercial use.

Mr. Burton received an email from the man who developed the community garden in Deny Beach, Florida. He plans on attending a meeting at the end of the month here in the City to talk with the Board and do a presentation on the development of a community garden.

The CRA budget and policing budget will go in front of the CRA Advisory Board next week and will be brought to Commission and the Board for final approval.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant is pleased with how the projects are moving forward in the City and CRA. The multimodal project is coming forward and is going to make a big impact on the City.

She stated that the resurfacing was completed along 8th Avenue north of 10th Street. She went to the Department of Transportation regarding the repaving of all of 8th Avenue South of 10th Street. A crew

came out and measured the asphalt along 8th Avenue and determined that there is still enough life in the pavement; they will not need to repave the rest of 8th Avenue for a few years. The assured her that they will continue to monitor the paving along 8th Avenue to make sure it does not get in dire need of repairs.

8 CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Varnadore—asked Mr. Burton to email her the contact information for the community garden in Deny Beach.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes approved: September 8, 2014

James R. Freeman

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