

**CRA BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2015**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer

Staff Present:

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

Chair Williams opened the CRA Board meeting at 8:04 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mrs. Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the February 9, 2015 CRA Board Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Julia Durrance, resident, informed the Board that during the gospel event at the Civic Center this weekend the attendees were blaming the \$5.00 parking fee on the City of Palmetto.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. January 5, 2015 Minutes
- B. Store Front Grant #15-01 Timothy Lester
- C. Incentive Agreement for Olympia Project
- D. Incentive Agreement Palmetto Veterinarian Clinic
- E. Blalock Walters Legal Bills

Attorney Barnebey removed items B, C, and D of the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion: Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve items A and E of the February 9, 2015 CRA Consent Agenda.

Store Front Grant 15-01 Timothy Lester Discussion:

Mr. Freeman let the Board know that the \$7,903.07 amount is the correct amount being requested for the Grant.

Chair Williams opined that the Board needs to consider revising the 75% reimbursement allowed for certain items and may need to consider removing roofing from the Store Front Grant all together.

Discussion ensued regarding the bids and the pricing as presented in the printed handout copy of the Store Front Grant. The applicant is requesting reimbursement for roofing at \$3,995.00, structure at \$875.00, paint at \$1,196.25, security at \$1,188.07, and landscaping at \$648.75.

Chair Williams suggested that a compilation sheet of the figures for each be submitted with the application. Mr. Burton explained that the Store Front Grant application and process has been revamped and modified and will be coming forward to the Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the reimbursement of landscaping and the type of landscaping installed. Attorney Barnebey questioned the landscaping being the type necessary for the crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) portion of the Grant. He asked that, if the Board approves the Grant, to approve it minus the landscaping for now. He would like to see details about the landscaping brought forward before the Board agrees to reimburse those expenses. The new amount for approval would be \$7,254.32.

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to approve Store Front Grant 15-01 for \$7,254.32 with additional information regarding the landscaping expense be provided to the Board at a later date. Mrs. Cornwell voted no.

Incentive Agreement for Olympia Project:

Attorney Barnebey asked that Exhibit C as attached to the Agreement be revised to show CC zoning not CG zoning.

Mr. Burton explained the amounts as listed on Exhibit B to the Agreement. The total project was \$2,452,991.00. The total incentives will amount to \$402,903.77 or 16.43% of the total project cost. The annual payout will be \$40,290.38 over a 10-year period.

Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Mrs. Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Olympia Incentive Agreement of \$402,903.77 total incentive with an annual amount of \$40,290.38 to be paid out over a 10-year term, beginning with this budget cycle and with final contract approval of CRA Presiding Officer and the City Attorney and subject to the replacement of Exhibit C with the list of uses allowed in Commercial Core.

Incentive Agreement Palmetto Veterinarian Clinic:

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Incentive Agreement for the Palmetto Veterinarian Clinic/Opie's Dog House, LLC.

4. MLK PARK UPDATE

Mr. Burton informed the Board that there has been some slight vandalism in the Park as well as dumping of garbage.

Bob Gause, Allison-Gause, explained that the final phase of this project is completed. There are a few things that need to be corrected still so some of the retainage is being held until those things are done. He has seen a few dead trees that need to be replaced and the mounting of the plaque still needs to occur.

Mr. Williams questioned the future for parking. Mr. Burton stated that the CRA has been talking with the Palmetto Youth Center to consider purchasing the property by 17th Street for parking. Phase 2 for the Park will include the installation of bathrooms, more parking and hopefully with the settlement money from the BP Oil Spill claim another bridge can be built. Mr. Burton informed the Board that the property issue has been worked out with Mr. Jackson.

5. RIVERSIDE PARK BOAT RAMP UPDATE

Mr. Gause stated that there are a few things that need to be finished up before this project is totally completed. A monument sign is being developed to identify the Park along with an information kiosk. The dirt is to be tested; however, no results have been received. Mrs. Varnadore requested that solutions be determined for the use of the dirt once the results are received.

6. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton informed the Board that the CRA Advisory Board is to meet to discuss the Sutton Park pavilion and review proposals for the use of that pavilion.

He should be receiving a grant for the installation of a Littoral shelf for the sea wall which will leave the sea wall where it is at and become an estuary for different marine wildlife. Discussion ensued regarding the shelf and the sea wall. Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) is helping fund this project as well.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in Phase 1 of the multi-modal project is helping to redesign the area surrounding the Boat Ramp with new lighting and the low impact design road.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None.

8. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None.

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes approved: March 16, 2015

James R. Freeman

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