

**SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING**  
**March 16, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Allen Tusing, Director of Public Works  
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police  
Deanna Roberts, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bryant opened the March 16, 2015 Special CRA Board meeting at 8:03 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the March 16, 2015 CRA Board Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. February 9, 2015 Minutes
- B. Blalock Walters Legal Bills
- C. Surplus Property Located at 1806 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West

Mr. Barnebey pulled Item 3.C for discussion.

**MOTION: Commissioner Cornwell moved, Commissioner Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve Items 3.A and B. on the March 16, 2015 CRA Consent Agenda.**

Mr. Barnebey informed Commission that the City wants to exchange property at 1806 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West for some property on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a tentative contract, but the 1806 property has not been declared surplus yet. CRA statutes require notice that a contract is being considered, and that it will be put out for proposal for other bids. If no other timely proposals are received, the current proposal will be accepted.

**MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner Cornwell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to surplus the property; to notice to allow for others to submit proposals; and, if no other timely proposals are made, the current contract will be executed.**

4. MLK PARK UPDATE

None

5. PALMETTO RIVERSIDE BOAT RAMP UPDATE

Commissioner Varnadore asked what the City is doing with the dirt at the boat ramp. Mr. Burton said it could be sold for commercial use. He has several people interested. He expects it to be gone in 30-60 days.

Commissioner Davis asked if a fish-cleaning table had been considered at the boat ramp. He commented that people are cleaning fish on the dock. Mr. Burton said he will take a look at it.

#### 6. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton remarked that, from his perspective, if someone has already pulled a permit, begun work on the building and gone through the whole process with the City, they are going to build regardless of whether they get incentives. He said the intent of the incentives is to entice people to come here. In the next update on the incentive packages, he would like to note that incentives will be used specifically for that, and not offered once construction has begun.

In answer to Commissioner Cornwell's question, Mr. Burton said jobs and taxes are not part of CRA incentives.

#### 7. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None

#### 8. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Regarding July 4, Commissioner Varnadore asked if the City is entertaining the thought of having beer sales and how it will be handled. She does not support it, and she does not want last minute notice. She asked for staff to set the criteria and bring it back early. She said there may be multiple organizations that want to serve beer this year. Mr. Burton said the criteria are being drafted now.

Mr. Burton announced that Craig Campbell and Rodney Atkins are the acts for this year. This year, a small fee will be charged to help cover costs. He will report on July 4 at the next meeting.

Mr. Burton advised Commission that prior to the Seafood Festival the grade at the stage at Sutton Park will be made tighter and LID pavers will be installed to absorb water. It will be in compliance with Florida Building Codes. After the Seafood Festival he will have speaker stands installed.

Mr. Williams asked when the pavilion drawings will be available. Mr. Burton said sometime in April.

Mr. Williams asked about incentives and the changes to be made since the economy has changed. Mr. Burton said adjustments have already been made to the storefront grants. He is revising incentives completely. He likes painting and security cameras, but paving will be taken out. He will streamline the process. He needs to meet with the Mayor and the city attorney, and then he will bring the new incentives back to Commission.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes approved: April 6, 2015

*James R. Freeman*

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James R. Freeman, City Clerk