

SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2017
5:30 PM

CRA Board Members Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer
Brian Williams, Chair--(arrived at 6:21 p.m.)
Jonathan Davis, Vice Chair
Tamara Cornwell—(arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
Harold Smith
Tambra Varnadore

Staff Present:

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

Mayor Bryant opened the CRA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

All persons intending to address the CRA Board were duly sworn.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the April 24, 2017 Special CRA Board Agenda. Mrs. Cornwell and Mr. Williams were absent for the vote.

2. Public Comment

None

3. PALMETTO POOL DISCUSSION

Mayor Bryant informed the Board about a meeting on Friday with the County Administrator and Dan Schlandt, Assistant County Administrator. The City Commission is not interested in owning the pool due to various reasons that she discussed with the both of them. Mayor suggested including the entire parcel of property, or just the parcel that the pool will be located on, as part of the City's contribution to the funding along with a monetary sum. She requested consensus from the Board to talk to the County on how to fund this project for the pool.

Motion: Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Davis seconded the motion to pay \$850,000 for an Olympic size pool at Lincoln Park to be paid over 15 years.

Discussion:

Mrs. Varnadore expressed her confusion about having a motion and decision made this evening regarding funding for the pool. Mayor Bryant had sent out an email to the Commission from the County Administrator that indicated discussions needed to be suspended until legislation was completed due to some possible funding cuts for the State/County. Mrs. Varnadore explained that she is in support of contributing funds for the pool but not the entire amount; she prefers to contribute a combination between dollars and the acreage the City owns of the land that the proposed pool is going to be built on.

Mrs. Cornwell expressed her concerns on the size of the pool and wanted to ensure that it will be a competition size pool so that swim meets from all over the state can use this pool; it needs to be built to those standards. Discussion continued on the size and the amenities for the pool.

Mr. Smith amended the motion on the floor. Mr. Smith moved to have the Palmetto CRA contribute \$850,000 over 15 years to combine with Manatee County to develop an Olympic size competition pool at Lincoln Park with accessories thereafter and to transfer of approximately four (4) acres to the County from the City property (where the proposed pool is to be built), and to include diving. Mr. Davis agreed with the amended motion.

MacArthur Sellars, resident, complimented the Board on the direction for the pool.

Mayor Bryant indicated that the County is to discuss the development of the pool at their Board meeting tomorrow.

The motion on the floor carried 4-0. Mr. Williams was absent for the vote.

4. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY 715 10 AVE W

Mr. Burton presented the slide show as attached in the agenda. The CRA is seeking to purchase the property located at 715 10th Avenue West and develop it into a mixed use with commercial below and residential to be built on top; this property would be owned by the CRA. This concept does fit into the approved Waterfront Plan.

Mr. Williams arrived at 6:21 p.m.

Mayor Bryant exited the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Mr. Burton plans to buy the parking lot next to this property from the City to use for the mixed use development (to be done sometime in 2020 due to possible grant funds). He outlined plans regarding the 10th Avenue and 8th Street block as well. This is in the PowerPoint slides in the agenda. He displayed pictures of other buildings that show a two story mixed use with commercial below and residential on top.

Motion: Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Smith seconded the motion to have the Mayor sign a real estate agreement with the property owner subject to the City Attorney review and approval.

Mrs. Cornwell discussed potential parking issues. She also expressed her opinions on the types of establishments to come into the commercial part of this development and to ensure the friendliness to the surrounding neighbors.

Mayor Bryant returned at 6:33 p.m.

Mrs. Varnadore read the motion as prepared on the point paper that was handed out by Mr. Burton; she confirmed that the purchase of this property will not exceed \$100,000.

Motion on the floor carried 5-0.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Tusing informed the Board that the University of South Florida team "Need for Snead" that presented at the Workshop last week received first place in the Florida Water Environmental Association (FWEA) Student Design Competition in the wastewater division. They will move on to represent Florida at the National Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition & Conference (WEFTEC) in Chicago, IL.

Mayor Bryant discussed a presentation at the MPO regarding boat taxis and the success in Tampa and St. Petersburg as a means for transportation for the public. She opined this may be a good alternative for Palmetto.

Mr. Burton is working with the County to receive partial funding for landscaping along Haben Boulevard; will be bringing this to the next Board meeting.

He is working on putting together a survey to be sent to the public regarding the parks in the CRA.

Mr. Williams discussed the homestead exemption bill and how it will be effecting the City and the property taxes. Mr. Freeman is working on providing some estimates and information to the Board/Commission.

6. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 17, 2017

James R. Freeman

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