

CRA BOARD MEETING

June 5, 2017

7:00 PM

CRA Board Members Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer
Brian Williams, Chair
Jonathan Davis, Vice Chair
Tamara Cornwell
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 7:41 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: **Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 5, 2017 CRA Board Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CRA CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: March 13th, April 3rd, and May 1st
- B. Resolution 2017-04 Scrivener's Error
- C. Riverside Bus Stops

Motion: **Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 5, 2017 CRA Board Consent Agenda items A and B.**

3.C. Riverside Bus Stops Discussion:

Mr. Burton discussed the design as presented in the agenda packet. The bus stops will not have a back wall as displayed; it has been removed for safety reasons. The bus stops are handicap friendly and accessible and designed to keep bus riders out of the elements. The bench style seating is designed to deter lingering and are not long and flat, they are one seat style seating.

Mrs. Cornwell discussed having outlets as an option.

Mr. Davis is interested in adding solar panels to the rooftops in the future.

Motion: **Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve item 3.C. Riverside Bus Stops.**

4. JULY 4TH FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Mr. Burton outlined the activities to be available during the Fourth of July event; a list of those activities is included in the agenda packet. All three vendors that applied and responded to the Request For Proposal will be used at the Fourth.

No approval necessary; informational only.

5. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton reviewed projects that the CRA is currently working on that included Haben Boulevard landscaping, 715 10th Avenue West property, Downtown Parking Study, Dropbox training, the Armory building and the Surface Tablets.

Mr. Burton informed the Board that a market analysis was performed 11 years ago for the downtown. He would like to reintroduce that study and bring it up to current date to provide information on what types of uses are in demand for the downtown and provide strengths and weaknesses in the City.

Motion: **Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to allow Mr. Burton to move forward with a market study for the City of Palmetto [no cost involved, he will issue a Request for Proposal or Quotes and bring information back to the Board before anything is done].**

Mr. Burton stated that on June 28th there will be a meeting with the University of South Florida (USF) at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. It is not a formal meeting; however, he invited the public to attend.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant complimented the bus stops design.

She announced a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) visioning workshop to be held on Thursday June 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the Palmetto Library on 10th Avenue West. Mr. Freeman indicated he will put information on the City's gateway sign informing the public.

7. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Williams—discussed 715 10th Avenue West property. Mr. Burton explained some plans and ideas for the parcel and the project of mixed use to be designed to fit there.

He mentioned the “Seahorse Project” and asked for some information on what the plans are in the future. Mr. Burton provided some information about the property where the Seahorse was originally located (in Riverside Park West). Due to the property being purchased with State and Federal Grants, there are some other challenges then just designing and building the Seahorse there again. Mr. Burton is doing his best on trying to negotiate and obtain the property located west of the Historical Park which will help with adding greenspace to the City/CRA to allow for a “swap” so that the Seahorse can be established in the location it once was. The negotiations and discussions for this property have not been in the City/CRA favor so Mr. Burton is going to move on and try to look for another piece of property to fulfill the State and Federal requirements.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

James R. Freeman

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