

SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING
August 28, 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 7:31 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mrs. Cornwell moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the August 28, 2017 Special CRA Board Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. FY2017-2018 CRA BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Burton asked for any further comments on the budget since the last discussion on August 23rd.

Mr. Williams asked for an estimated amount of funds being carried forward from the current year budget to next fiscal year's budget. Mr. Burton stated that he did not have an idea how much money would be carried forward due to finance not being able to prepare that information quite yet. He explained that when he has an estimate and/or final dollar amount he will provide that information to the Board so that they can determine what project(s) will use the money. Mr. Williams highly recommended using the funds toward the "Seahorse" project.

Mayor Bryant would like to see information on the next CRA Board agenda regarding the "Complete Streets" project.

Mrs. Varnadore would like to see more beautification projects be added to the CRA budget and CRA district.

Mayor Bryant asked for data regarding benches along 8th Avenue and minimum maintenance standards associated with that.

Discussion of the renaming of the property at 505 5th Street West ensued. Mayor Bryant commented on a couple of naming suggestions for the park; one is a suggestion to name it after Mr. Joel Hendrix who was

the founder of “green shipping” and one suggestion is for Mr. Francis Marion Connor who worked the railroad as the Agriculture Agent for the City of Palmetto.

Mr. Burton answered various questions regarding funding for training, tuition reimbursement and interns.

4. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

5. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

6. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes approved: November 6, 2017

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