

SPECIAL CRA BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2018

7:00 PM

CRA Board Members Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Presiding Officer

Tambra Varnadore, Chair

Jonathan Davis, Vice Chair

Tamara Cornwell

Harold Smith

Brian Williams

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 7:19 p.m.

1. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Mrs. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the March 19, 2018 CRA Board Agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CRA BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

A. Riverside Drive LID Parking Spaces Fund Transfer to Public Works

Mr. Burton explained that Riverside Drive has been completed as the first phase of the multi-modal project; the Florida Department of Transportation is done with this area. Mr. Burton would like to transfer money to Public Works to allow them to make modifications to the area as shown on Riverside Drive. Mr. Tusing explained that, at a minimum, Public Works needs to install the curbing. Mr. Davis would prefer to hold off on approving this item for now, but would like to see Public Works proceed with the ribbon curbing install.

Discussion ensued regarding State Revolving Funds (SRF) loans. It was decided to bring forward an expert on the SRF loans to educate and determine what next steps need to be taken.

This item will be brought forward to the next CRA Board meeting.

4. JULY 4TH EVENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Burton informed the Board that there has been a request from the Rotary Club regarding the sale of alcohol during the July 4th event. Discussion ensued, with Mrs. Varnadore vocalizing her displeasure and disinterest in

having alcohol served at a City sponsored, family oriented event. Mr. Williams suggested allowing alcohol sales and consumption in a fenced in area within the Park.

Motion: Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Smith seconded the motion to allow the CRA to proceed with bid proposals to gain interest in a beer garden at the 2018 4th of July celebration at Sutton Park.

Mr. Davis requested the motion be amended to include that the vendor will follow the best practices as outlined on the Special Function Permit. Mr. Williams and Mr. Smith agreed to amend the motion on the floor. The amended motion passed 3-2 with Mrs. Cornwell and Mrs. Varnadore voting no.

5. CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Burton announced that Charlie Daniels will be the headliner this year for the concert during the 4th of July event.

Mr. Burton has been having discussions with a property owner who has property that would be a good use for a parking garage. He is trying to work on a partnership and some loan funding for this.

The contract regarding the new CRA office location will be brought forward to the next meeting.

Mr. Burton discussed the development of the Seahorse at Riverside Park West. He reminded the Board that due to the property being purchased with State and Federal Grants, there are some other challenges then just designing the Seahorse Building at the location where it used to be. Mr. Burton indicated that he is doing his best to try and obtain some property to add greenspace to the City/CRA to allow for a "swap" so that the Seahorse can be established there again. The proposed Seahorse site must be replaced with additional replacement green space before the proposed Seahorse can be built.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

7. CRA BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Varnadore—is displeased that the vote was in favor of alcohol sales during the July 4th event, therefore, she will not be in attendance to support the event this year.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes approved: May 7, 2018

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