

**CRA BOARD MEETING**  
**APRIL 4, 2022**  
**7:00 P.M.**

This CRA Board Meeting was conducted utilizing Communications Media Technology. Some Staff members were present in the Commission Chambers while others were present via the Zoom application to respect the social distancing guidelines.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:**


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

**STAFF PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:**

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Mohammed Rayan, Public Works Director  
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Xavier Colon, Assistant CRA Director  
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant  
Cassi Bailey, Assistant City Clerk

**STAFF PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:**

Todd Williams, Information Technology (IT) Consultant

1.  Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

2. CRA BOARD AGENDA APPROVAL

**MOTION:**

**Ms. Cornwell moved, Ms. Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 4, 2022, CRA Board Agenda.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT


None

4.  CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes: 02/07/2022
- b. Legal Bills
- c. Spoon Bill Art Piece
- d. Interim CRA Director

Mr. Smith asked to remove item 4d for discussion.

**MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Ms. Varnadore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve items a, b, and c on the consent agenda as presented by staff.**

 Mr. Smith asked if the Interim Director appointment needs to be voted on. Attorney Barnebey is uncertain but said the safe thing to do is to vote on it. He questioned if the Interim Director is certified. Mayor Bryant explained that he is in the process of getting certified. Mr. Smith doesn't agree that he should become the Interim until he is certified.

Mr. Jones questioned his salary as the interim and back dating his appointment. He also recommended opening the hiring process to the outside.

Mayor Bryant clarified the qualifications Mr. Colon has.

Ms. Cornwell asked to clarify his salary. Mayor Bryant explained that he will be placed at the bottom of the pay scale for that position.

**MOTION: Ms. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to approve item d on the consent agenda as presented by staff. Mr. Smith voted nay.**

5.  CRA DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Colon stated that he will bring back the MLK Park approvals needed for conceptual at the next meeting. He also requested a special meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>, regarding the Riverside property.

6. CRA PRESIDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None

7. CRA BOARD MEMEBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Cornwell thanked Mr. Colon for coming to the historical meeting. Mayor Bryant shared a conversation she had with a family that went on the historical tour and spoke highly of it.

The Board congratulated Mr. Colon on his appointment to Interim Director of CRA.

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: APRIL 18, 2022

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