

**Minutes of the
Community Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 13th, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board members Present: Chairman Jim Farley, Board member Mike Gudis, Board member Paula Wheeler, Board member Ken Brown; Vice Chairman Robert Holmes

Board members Absent: None

Staff Present: David Burnell, CRA Administrator; George Angeliadis, CRA Attorney; Mia Fink, City Clerk; Jackie Gorman, Planning and Development Services Director; Lou Kneip, Public Works Director Michelle Russell, Finance Director

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Board member Wheeler; seconded by Board member Gudis. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. *Approve Minutes of CRA Meeting held June 8th, 2015*

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Board member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Holmes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

Karen Pieters- Crystal River Main Street Program- Announced that the application for the Crystal River Main Street program, which included 140 letters of support, was submitted on July 6, 2015. She advised that on July 28, 15 the Citrus County BOCC will be voting to approve an additional third of the necessary start-up funding and that on August 6, 2015 she will be travelling to Tallahassee for the review board presentation to the recruiting Board of Directors.

Board member Gudis advised that he had requested a letter of program support from county staff during previous TDC meeting.

David Perry- Hunter Springs Kayaks- 36 NE 4th Street- Requested permission from the Board to commission a local artist to paint a water/nature-themed mural on the outside of his building. *Hand-outs consisting of 7 sample murals and artist's resume` were distributed to Council for reference.* He described his location and the proposed ideas for the piece, assuring the Board that the 31x8 mural would feature no advertising.

The Board requested clarification from staff regarding any existing policies or ordinances pertaining to murals, and Ms. Gorman advised that there none, but referred to the CRA Appearance Guidelines that provide a standard for paint colors.

Chairman Farley, and Board members Brown and Wheeler concurred that they were in favor of the proposed mural project.

Art Jones- 560 NW 14th Place- Advised that he was contacted by Citrus County Boat Builders regarding the possibility of relocating to the lot adjacent to the Seminole Club Building, which he was in favor of. He also remarked on the outstanding results of the recent YMCA lynchbya clean-up at Hunter Springs Park.

City Manager Burnell advised that he has met with the Citrus County Boat Builders regarding the potential move is working to identify an ideal location that will augment existing efforts within the CRA and that he will come forward with a proposal within the next two CRA meetings.

Tim Green- Family Adventure Charters- Expressed concerns regarding boat ramp traffic and activity Pete's Pier, where his business is based, advising that the scalloping crowds have caused access issues for his customers and requested assistance from the City.

Board member Brown asked if he had approached the owners of Pete's Pier for assistance as it is private property and Mr. Green advised that the problem was only occurring in the boat ramp and city right-of-way.

City Manager Burnell advised that he was meeting with Captain Linhart the next morning.

7. CRA ATTORNEY

8. CRA ADMINISTRATOR

A. Riverwalk Concept Design Update

Background: [Agenda sheet **Requested Motion:** Discussion Only on Riverwalk

Summary: Project consultants have been developing conceptual design options for the future Riverwalk Project. Staff last updated City Council on this project June 8, 2015 and because of this project's importance we are following up with another update. A public workshop is planned for July 22, 2015 that will detail what the consultants have determined feasible options. Tonight staff is hoping to discuss how the process is moving forward and to highlight any information that will help format the meeting on July 22.

Staff Recommendation: Information only

End of Agenda Sheet]

CRA Administrator Burnell advised that he is pleased with the progress of the consultants and CRAC, noting that most of the design is off-shore with three potential routes to Kings Bay Park and a possible swimming area. He mentioned the possibility of relocating the 3rd street boat ramp.

Discussion was held regarding potential solutions to the boat ramp issue, communications with property owners, and the upcoming workshop. Discussion was also held regarding safety issues caused by the boat and trailer traffic.

B. Update on Landscaping projects for City Parking Lots

Background: [Agenda sheet **Requested Motion:** None – discussion purposes only

Summary: DPW staff would like to update the CRA on the status of the landscaping projects on City parking lots within the CRA.

Staff Recommendation: Not applicable – discussion only

End of Agenda Sheet]

Public Works Director Lou Kneip provided an update on the various landscaping projects within the CRA, with Jennifer Daugherty at the forefront of the project.

Board members complimented the work of staff and requested trash cans be placed at each of the city parking lots.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Kneip provided a status update on the CRA business signage installation, and Board members discussed extending the CRA mini-grant program to mural projects.

10. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

A. Jim Farley, Chair- Commented on the recently held budget workshop and is pleased with the progress staff has made.

B. *Mike Gudis*- Spoke about the need to secure financing for upcoming projects.

C. *Paula Wheeler*- Inquired about the timeline for securing financing and CRA Administrator Burnell advised that an order of magnitude will be completed within the next 30 days and staff will also be developing a prospectus.

D. *Ken Brown*- Commented on the progress that has been made on various projects, crediting this progress to the businesses and residents within the community.

E. *Robert Holmes, Vice Chair*

11. PUBLIC INPUT

Phillis Rosetti- 209 SE Paradise Point Road- Asked the Board to keep an open mind about relocating the 3rd Street boat ramp and listed potential benefits.

*Dee Atkins- 9851 N Nokomis Point-*Agreed with the previous comments regarding boat ramp relocation, and suggested that staff utilize Sand Piper Signs, a local vendor, for future signage needs.

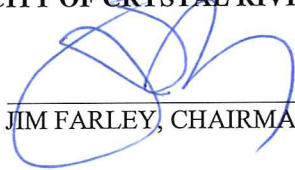
Daryl Seaton- Best Western- 614 NW US Highway 19- Echoed Mr. Green's previous comments regarding boat ramp issues, stating it is Citrus County locals that are the problem and he would be hiring CCSO security to keep locals out.

Joe Chrietzburg- 304 NW Crystal Street- Stated that the tourist train is getting bigger than the city can handle and suggested acquiring additional property to expand access near Hunter Springs.

12. ADJOURNMENT

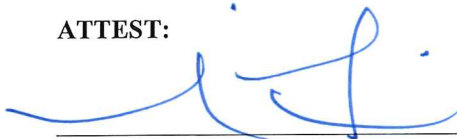
Chairman Farley adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm

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JIM FARLEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



MIA FINK, CITY CLERK



