



**Minutes of the
Community Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 10th, 2017 @ 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 Farley, Vice Chairman Fitzpatrick, Board member Brown, Board member Gudis, Board member Holmes.

Board members Absent: None

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. *Approve Minutes of CRA Meeting held March 13th, 2017*

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

6. PUBLIC INPUT

Karen Pieters- Director, Crystal River Main Street- Commented on pop-up gallery closure and expressed support of item 8B.

Bill Whelan- Crystal River Boat Builders- Spoke regarding the local Boat Builders Chapter of the Traditional Small Craft Association and the community services provided, including outreach to public, boat building historical education and fostering community involvement.

Maureen McConnell- Inverness- Spoke on her involvement with the Boston Museum of Science and spoke in support to of item 8B.

7. CRA ATTORNEY

8. CRA ADMINISTRATOR

A. Riverwalk Update

Background: [Agenda Sheet] Requested Motions: Information only. Update regarding the progress of the Riverwalk project.

Summary:

Landward Phase:

Landward design is being slightly modified to meet property owners' requests. This work is to be completed by April 8, 2017.

The City has requested removing the street light purchase from the contractor in order to utilize a tax exemption for the lighting purchase. Staff is also working to determine if purchasing all lights for the entire project in bulk will yield a substantially lower cost.

The contractor is preparing to start work with Public Works in communication all most daily to ensure the project gets started.

Waterward Phase:

The 75% drawings have been under review for several weeks by Public Works. Some changes have been requested around outlets planned to be installed in the base of the light poles. These are now designed below the flood plain and based on experiences from Hurricane Hermine they would be susceptible to tidal damage. A solution for this is being reviewed by the engineers and staff. Elimination in the base of all light poles is likely and separate power post is the likely solution.

Minor progress in attaining waterward easements was made this month.

Waterward design is available in public works for public review.

Staff Recommendation: None

End of Agenda Sheet]

CRA Administrator Burnell provided a status update on the Riverwalk project, and discussion was held regarding removal of a washed up sailboat on one of the waterward properties. Council discussion was also held regarding safety issues, legislation and funding related to derelict vessels.

- B. Motion to allow Crystal River Boat Builders (CRBB) to remain in the former Pop-up Gallery on a month-to-month basis to perform boat building activities, facilitate public access, promote wood working education during operational hours, maintain insurance, utilities and building general appearance

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Summary: CRBB is a nonprofit outreach endeavor that uses boats and boatbuilding to exhibit local history and heritage. This organization endeavors to be a positive influence to our community with local residents and tourists. Their mission is one of service, not to build boats but for the edification and amusement of the public on the historical value of hand crafted boat building.

The public will be welcome when boat building activities are being performed. CRBB is presently active Wednesday and Saturday mornings. There is a desire to expand hours, primarily by offering special educational and small events that fit our goal of sharing local history and heritage.

There is no fee to the public for their experience gained through CRBB.

CRBB has been very active with Crystal River Main Street in bringing the “Spirit” sailing scow to South Citrus and Highway 19. The organization was also a main contributor to the Pop-up Gallery and recently built the tree boxes on the corner with Spirit. They will also play a critical role in redevelopment of the “Water Plant” historic site when funding becomes available.

Staff Recommendation: Staff, on a temporary basis, supports this request. CRBB does recognize that the building is slated for removal when the connection by land can be made to the City Parking area behind the building.

End of Agenda Sheet]

CRA Administrator Burnell provided a brief overview of the item and spoke on the partnership the organization has had with the City and the benefit they provide to the community. He also confirmed that the facility would remain open to the public while Board members spoke in support of the request.

Motion to allow Crystal River Boat Builders (CRBB) to remain in the former Pop-up Gallery on a month-to-month basis to perform boat building activities, facilitate public access , promote wood working education during operational hours, maintain insurance, utilities and building general appearance was made by Board member Gudis; seconded by Board member Fitzpatrick.

Vice Mayor Fitzpatrick inquired about the amount of notice that would be required for CRBB to vacate and it was confirmed that 30 days would be sufficient.

City Manager Burnell clarified that providing a 60 day notice will not be a problem.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

10. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

- A. *Jim Farley, Chair*
- B. *Mike Gudis- Spoke in favor of item 9B and its approval.*
- C. *Ken Brown- Inquired upon CRBB interest in vintage boat restoration projects.*

Steve Kingery of CRBB clarified that their mission is focused on the history of Crystal River, with their next project is to construct a replica of a 1906 vessel.

Board member Brown discussed utilization of the old chamber building parcel for parking, the status of the property swap and the possibility of exercising eminent domain rights. He proposed construction of a multi-level parking garage. Board discussion was held regarding the proposal an possibilities for development of the parcel and a long-term plan for parking.

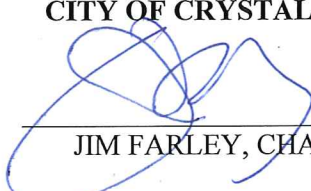
- D. *Pat Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair*
- E. *Robert Holmes*

11. PUBLIC INPUT

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Farley adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm

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JIM FARLEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



MIA FINK, CITY CLERK

