



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2018
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: **Chairman** Eddie Cole, **Director** Theo Washington, **Director** Rodney Daniels; **Director** Brent Gardner and **Director**, Marilyn Davis-Sconions (**telephone**).
Also in attendance: CRA Attorney Greg Jackson, Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk, Jasyme Reese, and CRA Director, James Benderson.

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Donovan Williams, and Director Tarus Mack.

Chairman Cole called the CRA Meeting to order at 5:30 PM, Attorney Jackson led the Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**
- II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. PRESENTATIONS**
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of December 5, 2017 CRA Minutes. Motion by Director Washington to approve the December 5, 2017 CRA minutes, the motion was seconded by Director Sconions; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

V. HEARINGS

A. Old Business

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- i. Park Place Generator Proposals (Update).** Mr. Benderson stated the generator is on order, it is expected to be delivered on March 19, 2018, if not sooner, they were willing to go back and modify their proposal based on what we had allocated for the project, we expect this to get moving once the generator gets here, which should take about a week to get it installed.

Director Washington asked if they will install the generator, or will we have to; Mr. Benderson replied, they will install it.

ii. **Business Recruit | Tech CoWork Space (Presentation).** A couple months back, we had a representative come to speak with the Town regarding tech businesses to locate in the Town and to partner with us, they will facilitate this; this idea came about with the Host Dime facility being located in the Town, they want this to be centered around Host Dime; they want to bring the technology to Eatonville, working with the Town and CRA. In your packet as a basic brief concept on how it would look; they have five businesses that want to be apart of this; the idea location that they want to do this is behind the police department. Chairman Cole asked Mr. Benderson and Attorney Jackson to meet with the representative for this businesses, and to have to present at the next CRA Meeting.

iii. **Speed Hump Request | Traffic Mitigation Plan (Update).** Mr. Benderson stated with this proposed project, he has met with Public Works, and Police department, they have agreed to get the traffic counts down, starting in the Lake Lovely area, they will try to do Catalina Park, and Lake Lovely at the same time. We will also have a speed rail, letting drivers know what their current speed is; we also have numbers in on placing the speed humps, we will review this process. We will also send out a survey to the residents to fill-out, its more like a questionnaire. Director Washington asked Mr. Benderson has he thought about networking with the City of Maitland on this project. Mr. Benderson stated he does not see how Maitland could spend money in our Town.

b. New Business

i. Black Tech Conference

6. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Washington- the lot that was just cleaned, someone has put more debris on this lot.

Director Daniels- NO REPORT

Director Gardner- in reference to the generators; will the Town ensure that the generator has a warranty; Mr. Benderson replied Yes, but he is unsure of the terms of the warranty.

Chairman Cole- The CRA has our 501 (C3).

7. STAFF COMMENTS

a. Façade Grant Update- Jasymne Reese- two (2) Grants for residents have been completed; Mr. Johnson on Deacon Jones Blvd, he is totally disabled; he needed a handicapped ramp, on the back page there are before and after pictures, this was installed on the back, it is ADA compliant, this was completed for exactly \$3,000. We also completed the handicapped accessibility to Ms. Thompkins home, she was having issues with her toilet; we were able to install for her ADA compliant toilets and install handicapped shower bars; this was completed for \$1,000. On the back of the page is applicants that have completed the application; we have three (3) applicants that are in the process of completing their application.

Mr. Benderson- Directors, I just re-emailed you the capital project updates to you; working on the annual CRA report annual report, which is due the end of March, summary of everything the CRA Board did the past year; if the CRA Board has any questions or need to go back and read up on something, we try to keep everything current on the CRA website.

b. Capital Project Update

c. Annual Report

d. Legislative Update (Legal)- Attorney Jackson- the Legislative session has started, in efforts to address issues with Community Redevelopment Agencies; last year there were some movement in an effort to get rid of CRA's, but as opposed to getting rid of them, they have decided there will be additional restrictions. With regards to the changes, if they are excepted, they will go into effect July 1, 2018; these will be things that have to be followed by this Board within the next 6 months. First, as opposed to looking at Section 163. Part 3, to address what can be done with CRA's they have actually gone to 112; the section for elected officials and public officials, this section deals with lobbying; they have to be registered first, before they come to a CRA you know who they are and what they are asking for these projects to be done. Also, Chapter 112.3142 is requiring CRA commissioners have (4) hours of ethic training every year. Legislation is also looking at adding the human aspect to the blighted areas in addition to the slum areas, you will look at unemployment rates, and poverty, foreclosure and immortality. If you have five (5) board members that are apart of the governing body; you are now required to have two (2) non-public officials, this is a major change, they have to meet certain criteria in one of these areas; they have to have experience in architecture, finance, construction, land use, affordable housing sustainability or other expertise in community development. There will be a new department that oversees the inactivity of CRA's; the Department of Economic Opportunity; reports submitted by October 31st of every year there is no grace period. They also want performance data as a-part of your plan. CRA can't use funds for festivals designed to promote tourism, or grants to entities that promote tourism.

CRA's can provide administrative and overhead expenses funds to implement the CRA PI, but it can't exceed 18% of the annual budget.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk