



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
July 17, 2018
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: **Chairman** Eddie Cole, **Vice Chairman**, Rodney Daniels, **Director** Theo Washington, **Director** Donovan Williams; **Director** Brent Gardner; **Director** Tarus Mack, and **Director**, Marilyn Davis-Sconions (**telephone**).

Also, in attendance: **CRA Attorney** Greg Jackson, Cathlene Williams, **Town Clerk**, Jasmyne Reese, **Community Coordinator**, and **CRA Director**, James Benderson.

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 May 15, 2018 CRA Minutes. Motion by Director Mack, the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Daniels to approve the May 15, 2018 CRA Minutes; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

B. Approval of the June 19, 2018 CRA Minutes. Motion by Vice Chairman Daniels, the motion was seconded by Director Mack, to approve the June 19, 2018 CRA Minutes; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

A. New Business

- i. Traffic Calming & Mitigation Funding (Action).** Director Washington ask did we talk to the City of Maitland about going into Lake Lovely Estates with the Traffic Calming, since they use this a thorough way to get to Maitland? Chairman Cole replied that he did contact Maitland regarding this, they indicated that this was not their desire. Mayor Cole stated he did contact Orange County, they will look at their discretionary funds, to see if we can get additional monies from this, so that we can identify some areas that we need to look at; this is

Calhoun Avenue, a lot of traffic goes this way to get to the Boys and Girls Club, and now with the new Hungerford Elementary School, so there is a lot of traffic on this street. Director Sconions asked where would the traffic calmers be located, and what is the price of each calmer? Mr. Benderson responded, the police department will determine the exact locations for each of the speed humps, the price is about \$500.00 each. Chairman Cole put a motion on the floor for the purchase of the traffic calmers, for the \$7,000.00, the motion was seconded by Director Mack; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

ii. Land Acquisition 349 E. Kennedy Blvd (Action). The property is zoned C-3 General Commercial, as stated by Mr. Benderson, there are no easements or other restrictions on this property, it has access to public water and sewer, and direct access to the front street. Director Washington asked Mr. Benderson what the plan for this property is once it is purchased by the Town. Right now, the priority is to purchase the property, right now it would just be open space, with no plans to develop right now. Director Washington asked Mr. Benderson did we negotiate a price with the owner; Mr. Benderson replied we offered to her the appraised value of the property. Attorney Jackson stated from a legal standpoint there are no issues on this purchase. Motion to approve staff request for permission to execute a standard contract to purchase property located at 349 E. Kennedy Boulevard for the appraised price of \$53,000 plus closing costs, paid by the Town, liens and title search will be included in the purchase agreement as well. Director Sconions stated that once the Town purchases the property, that we do not turn around and sell it to anyone else, can this language be a part of the motion, also once the property is purchased, if the CRA Board decides to sell the property, this would need to come back to the board of approval. Motion on the floor by Chairman Cole to purchase the property at 349 E. Kennedy Boulevard at the appraised price of \$53,000 plus closing costs; motion moved by Director Mack, and seconded by Director Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

iii. Veterans Memorial Garden Funding Support (Action). The Town owns a vacant lot on the corner of Eaton and North Calhoun; staff has developed a concept to create a memorial butterfly garden, the Garden would be an honor to the Town memories, and acknowledge the historic land use, this will also be a place for Eatonville residents to memorialize their loved ones; we also seek to establish various partnerships to complete the project. Staff is requesting authorizing funding in the amount of \$15,000 to formalize this request. I have developed a draft budget for the project, I also have a civil engineer drawing up plans for this project. Director Washington asked if we can add flag poles in this garden? Mr. Benderson replied this is something he can look at, we would need to put power out there, I will get with the designer on this. Director Sconions asked Mr. Benderson have we discussed how this will be maintained, this will be a constant fund raising to ensure this is maintained by the Town? Yes, local boy scouts, and other organizations. **Resolution #2018-6 PREAMBLE READ BY TOWN CLERK. A RESOLUTION OF**

THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING \$15,000 FUNDING SUPPORT FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY GARDEN ON EXISTING GREEN SPACE 36-21-29-2376-03-240; AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion by Director Daniels, the motion was seconded by Director Mack; **AYE: Chairman Cole, Directors: Washington, Williams, Daniels, Mack, and Gardner; NAYE: Director Sconions, MOTION PASSES.**

iv. Co-work Space Funding Support (Action). TABLED

6. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Sconions- NO REPORT, requested a copy of the CRA Budget and all the funding that has been used to current date on an itemized list that shows line item by line item with the approval from the Board to use these funds, and a complete update on the CRA Budget.

Director Williams- the Veterans Memorial Garden will be great for the community, my biggest concern will be the maintenance of this project, would not want it to look like the streetscape, come up with a plan to keep this maintained, this should have been in the cost to be presented to the Board. I ask questions, because I am a visionary, if you don't give me no vision of where we are going, on what we want this corridor to look like in the next 5 years, I asked this question, but still have not received an answer.

Director Washington- NO REPORT

Vice Chairman Daniels- on the Veteran's memorial garden let's try to get flowers with less maintenance with all the heat we have, these won't require much maintenance like the ones on the streetscape.

Director Mack- the Veterans memorial garden is a great idea, I am glad this was brought to the table, to let our veterans know we have not forgotten about them, when I initially looked at the \$15,000, you can't let money reflect on the memories that we are going to carry on forever and ever.

Director Gardner- NO REPORT

Chairman Cole- NO REPORT

PUBLIC PERIOD- Anthony Grant- kudos to the memorial garden concept, has the Town Council entered a Memorandum of Understanding for the CRA to use their property for the Memorial Garden; the other thing, this is a residential parcel, and what

about the parking, and has the community been surveyed. I do recall sometime ago; the Town conducted an archeological dig in this location because it was cemetery and is this listed on the historical place guidelines. Mr. Benderson stated there is nothing in the CRA to prevent building a park for a memorial garden for the Town. Chairman Cole will allow the Attorney to look into this, and if we need to do a Memorandum of Understanding, then we will get this done.

7. STAFF COMMENTS- NONE

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS-

9. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk