



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MINUTES  
**DECEMBER 18, 2018**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** **Chairman** Theo Washington, Eddie Cole, **Director**, Marilyn Davis Sconions, (*arrived at 5:54 PM*) **Director**, Brent Gardner, **Director**, and Clares Hopkins, **Director**.

**ABSENT:** **Vice Chairman Daniels.**

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

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**
- II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. PUBLIC HEARING**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- October 16, 2018**

**Motion by Director Cole, the motion was seconded by Director Mack; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

**V. HEARINGS**

**A. New Business**

- I. Beautiful Yard December Award-

**Jasymne Reese- Mrs. Mary Wright-Sanders-** December- the pictures and information regarding her home is within your agenda packets. Ms. Reese acknowledged all the 2018 Yard of the Month Winners, the homes selected exemplified great pride in their homes, and displays, it has been a pleasure getting to know everyone, and to hear how much pride you have in Eatonville and your home, we hope this type of program continues. **Gloria Jones; 307 Clark Street;** July 2018 Winner; the 1<sup>st</sup> Winner; **Earl Madison- 521 Eaton Street-** August, 2018 Winner; **Willie**

**Griggs, 519 Fitzgerald Drive-** September, 2018 Winner; **Bertha Pryor- 206 Taylor Avenue-** October, 2018 Winner- **Marcus Davis- 246 GreensEnd Street-** November 2018 Winner; he was unable to attend the meeting tonight; Beautiful Yard Winner Certificate of Presentation- Mary Wright Sanders; December 2018 Winner!

## **II. Orange County Annual Disbursement**

**Chairman Washington asked Mr. Benderson** – for the total amount we are asking; Mr. Benderson replied the estimated amount is \$1million; Chairman Washington asked Mr. Benderson did the County put their TIFT funds in already; Mr. Benderson replied to his knowledge this will be done in January 2019; Chairman Washington asked Mr. Benderson how and will the Town be notified of the deposit of the funds? Mr. Benderson replied Yes. For 2019, the CRA Board need to look at separating the CRA Funds from the Town's Funds, getting our own bank account, our own auditing firm, this is what I would like to see in 2019 as stated by Chairman Washington, we have talked about this before, I do not like SunTrust, if they can't partner with us, they should not be at the table, they don't do anything for the Town Mr. Benderson replied we are currently looking at banking options. Director Mack stated that we need to see where we are going business wise on every event in this community, we don't want anyone taking advantage of the Town. Director Cole stated we need to realize that if you want something different you need to go to the Bank when its our account, so we can know all of our options; we can't fault anyone on what we didn't do. Attorney Jackson stated that Chairman Washington should put the banking request in the form of a motion. Chairman Washington made a motion to identify CRA Banking Agencies for 2019; the motion was seconded by Director Mack; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.** Director Cole stated we must be careful, if we are looking at other options, since we do not know what SunTrust offers, since we have not done our due diligence. For clarity, Mr. Benderson asked Director Washington, that once we look at other banking options, these should come back to the Board for consideration? Chairman Washington stated Yes. Chairman Washington put a motion on the floor that the CRA has its own independent Auditor, separate from the Town, the motion was seconded by Director Mack. Mr. Benderson stated that regardless of the firm that does the CRA Audit, this still will have to go to the Town's Auditor as governed by State Statute. Director Mack asked Mr. Benderson his opinion on this; Mr. Benderson replied it doesn't seem appropriate to do double work, when it has to go to the same place. Chairman Washington withdrew his motion, Director Mack withdrew his second to the motion. Chairman Washington stated he would come back with further information on this.

## **VI. Board of Directors Report**

**Director Gardner-** NO REPORT

**Ms. Hopkins-** NO REPORT

**Director Cole-** NO REPORT

**Director Mack-** thank everyone for attending the meeting tonight; again, congratulations to all the Winners of the Yard of The Month.

**Chairman Washington-** NO REPORT

**Director Sconions-** NO REPORT

**VII. STAFF COMMENTS**

- a. Co-Work Concept Floor Plan
- b. Orlando Paving Update

**Staff Reports-**

**Citizens Comments-**

**7. ADJOURNMENT- 6:00 PM**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY**

**Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk**