

Community Redevelopment Agency

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 17, 2011

3:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

*Randy Wells (Chair)
Susan Bottcher (Vice-Chair)
Todd Chase (Member)
Thomas Hawkins (Member)
Scherwin Henry (Member)
Craig Lowe (Member)
Jeanna Mastrodicasa (Member)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 3:05 PM**ROLL CALL**

Present: Craig Lowe, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Scherwin Henry, Thomas Hawkins, Randy Wells, Todd Chase and Susan Bottcher

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Member Hawkins, seconded by Member Bottcher to adopt the Consent Agenda.

(VOTE: 6-0, Commissioner Henry - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

Chair Wells recognized Sue Johnson, Wilson Bell, Pat Fitzpatrick and Joseph Scott who made comments.

SECRETARY CONSENT**110380. Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA approve the minutes of September 19, 2011, as circulated.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

110381. Appointment of Jacob Ihde to the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA appoint Jacob Ihde to the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board for a term to expire on June 17, 2014.*

Member Bottcher: Ihde

Member Chase: Ihde

Member Hawkins: Ihde and readvertise

Member Henry: Ihde

Member Lowe: Ihde

Member Mastrodicasa: Ihde

Chair Wells:

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONSENT

110388. ED Finance Professional Services Contract (B)**RECOMMENDATION**

Executive Director to the CRA; 1) Approve the non-competitive award of the Professional Services Agreement for Community and Economic development Advisement to NDC as a specified source and 2) authorize CRA Executive Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement for Community and Economic Development Advisement with National Development Council subject to approval as to form and legality by the CRA attorney.

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

110389. CRA Project Summary (NB)**RECOMMENDATION**

CRA Executive Director to CRA: Receive project update from Staff.

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Hawkins, seconded by Vice-Chair Bottcher, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Todd Chase, Thomas Hawkins, Susan Bottcher, Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Randy Wells
Absent: Scherwin Henry

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR AGENDA**

MOTION: A motion was made by Member Hawkins, seconded by Member Bottcher to adopt the Regular Agenda.

(VOTE: 6-0, Member Henry - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

Chair Wells recognized Ahren Tsacrios who made comments.

SECRETARY**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR****110390. GTEC Area Parcel Assessment (B)**

CRA Project Coordinator Kelly Fisher gave a presentation.

NOTE: Member Henry entered the meeting room at 3:17 PM.

Chair Wells recognized Mark Venzke, Ahren Tsacrios, Mark Swenor and Tate Clair who made comments.

RECOMMENDATION *CRA Executive Director to the CRA: 1) Receive presentation from CRA staff; and 2) recommend the City Commission transfer parcel #11341-000-000 to the CRA.*

A motion was made by Member Hawkins, seconded by Member Mastrodicasa, that this matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Craig Lowe, Todd Chase, Thomas Hawkins, Scherwin Henry, Susan Bottcher, Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Randy Wells

110391. Downtown Community Plaza Update (B)

CRA Senior Analyst Sarah Vidal-Finn, Project Coordinator Kelly Fisher, Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Michelle Park and CRA Director Anthony Lyons gave presentations.

Chair Wells recognized the following citizens who spoke to the matter:

- 1. Tate Clair*
- 2. Pat Fitzpatrick*
- 3. Ahren Tsacrios*
- 4. Bob McPeake*
- 5. Ellis McDaniel*
- 6. Monica Cooper*
- 7. James Corder*
- 8. Mick Morino*
- 9. Jennifer Vedo*
- 10. Mark Swenor*
- 11. Duane Schwingel*
- 12. Mark Venzke*

RECOMMENDATION *CRA Executive Director to the CRA Board 1) Hear presentation from Staff; and 2) provide input as necessary*

Heard

110393. Retail Assistance Program (B)

CRA Business Development Coordinator Shaad Rehman gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *1) Hear update from Staff; and 2) Provide feedback on the proposed Retail Assistance Program.*

Heard

CRA ATTORNEY

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

College Park/University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board

Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board

Eastside Redevelopment Advisory Board

Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Todd Chase

- 1. Southern Charm Pie Factory - Hawthorne Rd.*
- 2. Retail Assistance Loans.*

CITIZEN COMMENT

Mark Venzke

Downtown Gainesville.

NEXT MEETING DATE

November 21, 2011

ADJOURNMENT - 5:35 PM

CRA Secretary