

Community Redevelopment Agency

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 17, 2007

3:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

*Scherwin Henry (Chair)
Jeanna Mastrodicasa (Vice Chair)
Ed Braddy (Member)
Rick Bryant (Member)
Jack Donovan (Member)
Pegeen Hanrahan (Member)
Craig Lowe (Member)*

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CALL TO ORDER - 3:08 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Edward Braddy, Pegeen Hanrahan, Rick Bryant, Craig Lowe, Jack Donovan, Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Scherwin Henry

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Member Bryant moved and Member Mastrodicasa seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda, as presented.

(VOTE: 5-0, Members Hanrahan and Donovan - Absent, MOTION CARRIED)

SECRETARY CONSENT

070748.

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA approve the minutes of November 19, 2007, as circulated.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

070751.

Appointment of Carl Rose to the Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA appoint Carl Rose to the Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board for a term to expire June 17, 2009.*

*Member Braddy: Carl Rose
Member Bryant: Carl Rose
Member Donovan: Carl Rose
Member Hanrahan: Carl Rose
Member Lowe: Carl Rose
Member Mastrodicasa: Carl Rose
Chair Henry: Carl Rose*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONSENT

070974.

Update on Redevelopment Projects and Development Agreements (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: Accept this update from staff.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Votes: Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Craig Lowe, Rick Bryant, Edward Braddy and Scherwin Henry
Absent: Pegeen Hanrahan and Jack Donovan

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Member Lowe moved and Member Bryant seconded to adopt the Regular Agenda, as modified.

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

NOTE: Member Donovan entered the meeting room during the adoption of the Regular Agenda.

MODIFICATIONS:

- 1. File #070754 - Removal of Sidewalks and Crosswalks adjacent to the Eastside Gateway - (Revised text file and additional back-up - Power Point).*
- 2. File #070756 - FAPS Redevelopment Plan Update - (Remove from the agenda and bring back to the CRA at a later date).*

SECRETARY

070750.

January 21, 2008 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Regular Meeting (NB)

MOTION: Reschedule the January 21, 2008 CRA meeting to January 14, 2008 @ 12:00 Noon, if needed.

RECOMMENDATION

The CRA select one of the following alternatives for the January 21, 2008 Regular CRA meeting: 1) Cancel the January 21, 2008 Regular CRA meeting; 2) reschedule the meeting for January 14, 2008 @ 12:00 Noon, if needed; or 3) reschedule the meeting for January 28, 2008 @12:00 Noon, if needed.

A motion was made by Member Lowe, seconded by Member Donovan, that this matter be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Craig Lowe, Rick Bryant, Edward Braddy, Scherwin Henry and Jack Donovan
Absent: Pegeen Hanrahan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

070754. Removal of Sidewalks and Crosswalks Adjacent to Eastside Gateway (B)

CRA Projects Coordinator Matt Dube' gave a presentation.

AMENDMENT: Request the City Commission refer this item to the Community Development Committee.

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA request that the City Commission refer the sidewalk and crosswalk closures to the Public Safety Committee.*

A motion was made by Member Bryant, seconded by Vice Chair Mastrodicasa, that this matter be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Craig Lowe, Rick Bryant, Edward Braddy, Scherwin Henry and Jack Donovan
Absent: Pegeen Hanrahan

CRA ATTORNEY

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

College Parks/University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board

070671. SW 2nd Avenue Master Plan (B)

CRA Project Coordinator Kelly Huard and CRA Manager Anthony Lyons gave presentations.

NOTE: Member Hanrahan entered the meeting room at 3:35 PM.

Chair Henry recognized Kali Blount who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board to the CRA: 1) Hear presentation by staff; 2) recommend approval of the work order with Basile, Baumann, Prost, Cole & Associates for the SW 2nd Avenue Master Plan at a cost not to exceed \$100,000; and 3) authorize the Executive Director to execute any and all necessary contract documents for this project.*

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

Votes: Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe, Rick Bryant, Edward Braddy and Scherwin Henry
Nay: Jack Donovan

Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board

070757. Lynch Park (B)

CRA Project Coordinator Kelly Huard gave a presentation.

AMENDMENT: In addition, request that staff look for other sites for community gardens including, but not limited to, Lynch Park.

Chair Henry recognized Kali Blount, Joe Jackson, Pat Fitzpatrick and Bob Freeman who spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *DRAB to CRA Board: 1) Approve conceptual plan for Lynch Park; 2) Request the City Commission approve the conceptual plan for Lynch Park; and 3) Recommend the City Commission request the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Advisory Board and the Parks, Cultural Affairs & Public Works Committee provide input and comment to CRA staff*

A motion was made by Member Bryant, seconded by Vice Chair Mastrodicasa, that this matter be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe, Rick Bryant, Edward Braddy, Scherwin Henry and Jack Donovan

Eastside Redevelopment Advisory Board

Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board

070756. FAPS Redevelopment Plan Update (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board to CRA: Approve the Updated Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Area Plan.*

Executive Director to the CRA: The City commission hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution amending the Redevelopment Plan for the fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street District in its entirety as shown in the draft amended plan (attached as backup).

Withdrawn

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Ed Braddy

*Fifth Avenue Corridor - Vacant Lot Across from Barbershop and Santa Fe
Community College Downtown - curb cut removal and parking issues.*

Project Coordinator Sharon Dixon made comments.

Executive Director Russ Blackburn

Hampton Inn on Lot 9 Downtown issue.

Member Pegeen Hanrahan

- 1. Chain Link fencing in the CRA districts.*
- 2. Fifth Avenue Tot Lot maintenance - Executive Director Russ Blackburn to provide a memo.*
- 3. Meeting with Governor Crist.*

CRA Manager Anthony Lyons made comments.

See following referral file # 070766.

070766.

Chain Link Fencing in CRA Districts (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA refer the issue of chain link fencing within CRA districts to CRA staff for review and bring back a recommendation.*

A motion was made by Member Hanrahan, seconded by Member Braddy, that this matter be Forwarded to to the CRA Staff, due back on June 17, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Pegeen Hanrahan, Craig Lowe, Rick Bryant, Edward Braddy, Scherwin Henry and Jack Donovan

CITIZEN COMMENT

Kali Blount

Fifth Avenue Plan

Walter Willard

Skate Board Parks

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT - 4:43 PM

CRA Secretary