

Community Redevelopment Agency

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 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 - 3:04 PM**ROLL CALL**

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

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Lowe moved and Commissioner Mastrodicasa seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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

Chair Henry recognized Pat Fitzpatrick who spoke to the adoption of the Consent Agenda.

SECRETARY CONSENT**070450. Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA approve the minutes of August 20, 2007, as circulated.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

070451. Resignation of Elizabeth Fetty from the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA: 1) Accept the resignation of Elizabeth (Liz) Fetty from the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board, effective immediately; and 2) advertise the position.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONSENT**070464. Removal of Board Member from the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: 1) recommend approval of staff's recommendation to remove Angela Pate from the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board; and 2) advertise the position.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

070465. Update on Redevelopment Projects and Development Agreements (NB)

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

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

070224. Waldo Road Corridor Preliminary Blight Findings Report (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: Refer to the City Commission with a request to refer this matter to Planning and Development Services Staff for a review and recommendations.*

This Matter was Approved as Recommended on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Lowe, 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, Pegeen Hanrahan, Rick Bryant, Scherwin Henry and Jack Donovan
Absent: Edward Braddy

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES CONSENT

END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Member Bryant moved and Member Lowe seconded to adopt the Regular Agenda with the following modifications.

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

MODIFICATIONS:

- 1. File #070473 - Stand vs. Escambia County - waive the rules to hear this item first on the Regular Agenda and additional back-up submitted from the Executive Director.*
- 2. File #070468 - Amendatory budget Resolution for FY 2008 - Additional back-up submitted.*
- 3. File #070470 Tumblin Creek Watershed Management Plan - Additional back-up submitted.*

SECRETARY

WAIVER OF RULES

The rules were waived by adoption of the Regular Agenda to hear the following CRA Attorney item, File #070473 first on the agenda.

CRA ATTORNEY

070473. Strand vs. Escambia County (B)

MOTION: The CRA : 1) Hold off on borrowing (executing notes with the City Commission); or bringing in new development agreements; and 2) to continue to honor obligations and (executed) development agreements.

NOTE: Member Braddy entered the meeting room at 3:18 PM.

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA hear a presentation from CRA Attorney Charles Hauck.*

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

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

070466. Northwest Fifth Avenue Historic Structure Survey Project (B)

Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Coordinator Sharon Dixon, Historic Planner Dee Henrichs and CRA Manager Anthony Lyons gave presentations.

ADDITIONAL MOTION (REFERRAL): See following Referral Item # 070522.

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: 1) hear a presentation from staff; and 2) refer the NW 5th Avenue Historic Structure Survey to the City Commission, and have the City Commission to forward to Historic Preservation Board.*

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

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

Absent: Edward Braddy

070522. Maintenance and Signage Issues in CRA Districts (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The CRA refer to the CRA Executive Director: 1) The potential need of maintenance at the Wilhelmina Johnson Center; and 2) an evaluation of signage at City facilities within the CRA districts to see if there could be improvements.*

A motion was made by Member Hanrahan, seconded by Member Bryant, that this matter be Referred to the CRA Executive Director, due back on March 17, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Edward Braddy

070468. Amendatory Budget Resolution for FY2008 (B)

CRA Senior Account Clerk Rebecca Burgess gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: Recommend the CRA adopt Resolution 070468, thus approving an amendatory budget for FY2008, as described above.*

A motion was made by Member Lowe, seconded by Vice Chair Mastrodicasa, that this matter be Adopted (Resolution). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

070469. Timothy Bey, Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board Member (NB)

Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Coordinator Sharon Dixon gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *Executive Director to the CRA: Hear a presentation from staff.*

Heard

CRA ATTORNEY

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

College Park/University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board

070470. Tumblin Creek Watershed Management Plan (B)

CRA Manager Anthony Lyons and Jones Edmunds & Associates Consultant Brett Cunningham gave presentations.

MOTION (REFERRAL): Refer this item to the CRA advisory boards and to City staff for appropriate action.

NOTE: This item was placed on the City Manager's Referral List.

RECOMMENDATION *College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board to the CRA: 1) hear a presentation from staff and the consultant; and 2) take action as necessary.*

A motion was made by Member Hanrahan, seconded by Member Bryant, that this matter be Referred to the CRA Advisory Boards, due back on March 17, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Jeanna Mastrodicasa

070471. Tumblin Creek Park Fencing (B)

CRA Project Coordinator Matt Dube' and CRA Manager Anthony Lyons gave presentations.

MOTION: Approve staff's recommendation to replace the defective chain link fence on the southeast perimeter of the Tumblin Creek Park (adjoining SW 6th Street) with a black aluminum ornamental fence).

RECOMMENDATION *College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board to the CRA: 1) hear a presentation by staff; and 2) take action as necessary.*

A motion was made that this matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board

Eastside Redevelopment Advisory Board

Fifth Avenue/Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Pegeen Hanrahan

- 1. E-Mail from owner of Paramount Grill Re: Garbage Problems Downtown and near the Chamber Building.*
- 2. General Condition of Downtown Properties - Diversify the mix of uses downtown and maintenance of exterior facades.*

Member Rick Bryant

Grapevine Deli - Garbage Problems Downtown.

Chair Scherwin Henry

- 1. Trash - Solid Waste (Sofas, tables, etc.) pick-up.*
- 2. CRA Expansion - Report from Mr. Wiles, will go to the City Commission.*

NOTE: Commissioner Donovan left the meeting room at 5:16 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 15, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT - 5:23 PM

CRA Secretary