

# City of Gainesville

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



## **Minutes - Draft**

**March 18, 2019**

**3:00 PM**

**City Hall Auditorium**

## **Community Redevelopment Agency**

*Harvey Ward (Chair)  
David Arreola (Chair Pro Tempore)  
Helen Warren (Member)  
Gigi Simmons (Member)  
Lauren Poe (Member)  
Gail Johnson (Member)  
Adrian Hayes-Santos (Member)*

**CALL TO ORDER - 3:03 PM****ROLL CALL**

**Present** 6 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

**Absent** 1 - Simmons

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Hayes-Santos, seconded by Warren, that this Matter be Adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Simmons

**SECRETARY CONSENT**

[180815.](#)

**Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The Community Redevelopment Agency approve the minutes of February 18, 2019.*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONSENT**

*Member Arreola commented that the Secretary and Executive Director Consent fall under the regular Consent Agenda. Chair Ward responded that the Board will work with staff to revise the agenda.*

**A motion was made by Warren, seconded by Johnson, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Simmons

[180810.](#)

**CRA Project Summary March 2019 (NB)****RECOMMENDATION**

*CRA Executive Director to the CRA Board: Receive project update from Staff*

**ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Warren, seconded by Poe, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Simmons

**SECRETARY****SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

*Sarah Vidal Finn gave an introduction.*

*Chair Ward presented the special recognition award to Vivian Filer.*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR****180811. CRA Advisory Board Appointment to the Eastside Redevelopment Advisory Board (B)**

*Motion: Nominate the applicant Jason Mitchell to serve on the Board.*

*Jason Mitchell applicant introduced himself.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *CRA Secretary to the CRA Board: Appoint one citizen to serve on the Eastside Redevelopment Advisory Board to occupy a seat for the following term: one (1) partial term ending June 2019.*

**A motion was made by Warren, seconded by Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

**Absent:** 1 - Simmons

**180812. Power District Developer Negotiations (NB)**

*CRA Director, Sara Vidal-Finn presented an update on the matter, with the following recommendations: 1) Reject all responses to the solicitations (GRU No. 2017-022); 2) Terminate the RFQ and ITN processes (No. 2017-022); and 3) Work with the City Attorney's office to prepare a release to refund any deposits held by the City per the solicitation.*

*Member Johnson: Question regarding the deposits for the development agreement.*

*Member Arreola: Spoke to the matter. Requested elaboration on the City's responsibility to take these steps. City Attorney, Nicolle Shalley, responded. CRA Director, Sara Vidal-Finn, responded.*

*Member Warren left the meeting at 3:35 PM.*

*Member Ward: Question regarding returning the deposit. CRA Director, Sara Vidal-Finn, responded.*

*Interim City Manager, Deborah Bowie, spoke to the matter of the deposit.*

*Motion by Member Poe, seconded by Member Hayes-Santos: Adopt the recommendation of CRA staff. Motion failed 2-3. In dissent Chair Ward, Member Arreola and Member Johnson. Member Simmons and Member Warren absent.*

*Member Arreola: Question regarding change of business entity and comment. Interim City Manager, Deborah Bowie responded.  
Member Arreola commented in opposition to the motion.*

*City Attorney, Nicolle Shalley, spoke regarding the matter of the deposit.*

*Member Johnson spoke to the matter.*

*Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Hayes-Santos: Reconsider the recommendation. (Member Poe spoke to the procedure regarding motion to reconsider). Motion passed 4-1. Member Arreola in dissent. Member Simmons and Member Warren absent.*

*Member Poe: Question regarding the timeline for new solicitation. CRA Director, Sara Vidal-Finn responded.*

*Member Hayes-Santos: Spoke in support of moving forward with a scaled development project.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Interim CRA Executive Director to CRA Board: Hear update as presented by CRA Staff.*

**A motion was made that this Matter be Approved, as shown above.**

**180813.**

**Heartwood March Update (NB)**

*CRA Director, Sara Vidal-Finn, presented an update on the item. Staff wants to move forward, requesting direction from the Board.*

*Member Ward: Thanked the chair of the Eastside Development Advisory Board for attending.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Interim CRA Executive Director to CRA Board: Hear update as presented by CRA Staff.*

**Discussed**

**CRA ATTORNEY**

**REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT - 4:15 PM**

