

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes - Final

February 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 - 3:00pm**ROLL CALL**

Present 7 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Simmons, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Interim CRA Executive Director Sarah Vidal-Finn gave an update on File #180731.

Member Warren spoke to the matter.

A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Simmons, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

SECRETARY CONSENT**180742. Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Community Redevelopment Agency approve the minutes of December 17, 2018.*

Approved as Recommended

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONSENT**180731. CRA Project Summary February 2019 (NB)**

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

Approved as Recommended

180734. Additional Engineering Construction Administration Professional Services For South Main Street Improvement Project (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *CRA Executive Director to CRA Board: (1) Approve additional \$25,000.00 in funding for Construction Administration Engineering services with CHW for a total contract amount of \$124,995.00.*

Approved as Recommended

ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Arreola, seconded by Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Simmons, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

SECRETARY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

180732.

CRA Advisory Board Appointment to the Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board (B)

Jason Atkins-Tuffs (Applicant) spoke to matter.

Chair Pro Tempore Arreola thanked the applicant and made an appeal to the public to apply for Boards.

RECOMMENDATION

CRA Secretary to the CRA Board: Appoint one citizen to serve on the Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board to occupy a seat for the following term: one (1) partial term ending June 2019.

A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Simmons, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

180733.

Modify the Eastside Redevelopment Advisory Board Guidelines & Procedures to Hold Meetings on the Second Tuesday of every month (B)

Trisha Lopez (CRA staff) spoke to matter.

Chair Pro Tempore Arreola asked for staff to differentiate between new and current language.

RECOMMENDATION

Amend Article V, Section 1 of the Guidelines & Procedures for the Eastside Redevelopment Advisory Board to hold redevelopment advisory board meetings on the second Tuesday of every month.

A motion was made by Simmons, seconded by Poe, that this Matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Simmons, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

180735.

NW 1st Ave Special Façade Improvements Program (B)

Interim CRA Executive Director Sarah Vidal-Finn spoke to matter.

Member Simmons inquired about the application process, procedures, deadlines, timelines and current information.

Member Poe exited meeting at 3:19pm; re-entered at 3:20pm.

Member Warren inquired about the reimbursement process.

Mr. Rob Sheldon (Applicant) spoke to matter.

Member Hayes-Santos - concerns with extending process for a specific applicant.

Chair Pro-Tempore Arreola in favor of re-authorizing the program for all the applicants.

Assistant City Attorney Sean McDermott spoke to matter.

Member Simmons - in fairness, open process up to all applicants and an updated application.

Member Johnson asked for examples of missed deadlines with facade grants and what the decisions were around those and information on a time-limited facade program.

Interim CRA Executive Director Sarah Vidal-Finn spoke to matter.

Member Warren ask was the intent of the grant project achieved.

Interim CRA Executive Director Sarah Vidal-Finn spoke to matter.

Member Poe spoke to matter - content to allow the sort of decisions that are made in accordance with the process that was laid out originally or to be updated; extended the program to be maintained and move on through the next challenges.

Rob Sheldon spoke to matter.

Chair Ward - would not support extending the deadline.

Chair Pro Tempore - spoke to matter

Public Comment:

Brian O'Brien spoke to matter.

RECOMMENDATION

CRA Staff to the CRA Board: Hear Presentation

Discussed

180736.

Heartwood February Update (B)

Dan Gill (CRA staff) gave presentation.

Interim CRA Director Sarah Vidal-Finn spoke to matter.

Member Johnson asked for information regarding the general fund and where the money came from.

Assistant City Manager Fred Murry spoke to matter.

Interim City Manager Deborah Bowie spoke to matter.

Member Hayes-Santos - what is making the housing affordable and timeline?

Helen Harris (Housing) spoke to matter.

Member Simmons - thank you to staff, total funding from federal government, cost of homeowner association fees and plea to colleagues to spend a day working on Heartwood.

Interim CRA Director Sarah Vidal-Finn spoke to matter.

Chair Pro Tempore Arreola - Discussion of RFP

Motion: the CRA Board approve the affordable housing plan as presented and authorize the interim CRA executive director to return with a plan to fulfill the final two-thirds of the housing sites.

Member Hayes-Santos added to motion to schedule an afternoon to go out to Heartwood.

Chair Ward spoke to matter.

Interim City Manager Deborah Bowie spoke to matter.

Member Johnson asked about model plans.

Interim CRA Director Sarah Vidal-Finn spoke

Assistant City Attorney Sean McDermott spoke.

Public Comment:

Stephanie Seawright - open up list of contractors and assistance with HOA fees

Brian O'Brien spoke to matter

Member Poe left the meeting room at 4:36pm.

RECOMMENDATION

Interim CRA Executive Director to CRA Board: CRA Board recommend approval of the affordable housing plan to the City Commission as presented.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Arreola, seconded by Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended with Amendment(s). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Warren, Poe, Hayes-Santos, Johnson, Simmons, Chair Ward, and Vice-Chair Arreola

[180740.](#)

Follow Up Discussion Regarding the February 11, 2018 Joint City County Commission Meeting (NB)

Interim CRA Executive Director Sarah Vidal-Finn gave presentation.

Chair Pro Tempore Arreola ask for details on the millage agreement with the County.

Chair Ward spoke.

Member Hayes-Santos exited the meeting room at 4:40pm

Member Simmons asked "where are we in the 5-year plan"?

Interim CRA Executive Director Sarah Vidal-Finn spoke.

Member Johnson spoke to matter asked to give an overview of projects that are underway and have to move forward with the five-year plan.

Interim CRA Executive Director Sarah Vidal-Finn spoke.

Chair Pro Tempore Arreola - require project lists and road maps on how money will be spent over the next ten years.

Assistant City Attorney Sean McDermott spoke.

Members Warren, Chair Pro Tempore Arreola, Chair Ward and Member Simmons spoke to matter.

Public Comment:

Stephanie Seawright spoke to matter - want to be a part of the process.

RECOMMENDATION

CRA Staff to the CRA Board: Discuss the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency.

Discussed

CRA ATTORNEY

REPORTS FROM ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

MEMBER COMMENT

Member Simmons - Porter's Community model block homes update.

Chair Pro Tempore Arreola - invite County Commissioners to join in the Heartwood workday project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT - 5:19pm