

City of Gainesville

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



Minutes - Final

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 and March 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

