



Legislation Text

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Heartwood Internet (B)

The Heartwood neighborhood is one of the two major community initiatives in the Eastside Redevelopment District for the Gainesville CRA. The development includes major site and infrastructure construction associated with the 34-single family building pad sites on the former Kennedy Homes site in East Gainesville. Community stakeholders worked with the CRA on the naming, design, and planning for this initiative and the project has been much anticipated by the community, the CRA, and its Boards.

At its September 17, 2018 meeting, the CRA Board received a presentation related to internet service at Heartwood. During that discussion, the Board requested additional information from the other internet providers; AT&T and Cox, as well as to take this item before the Eastside Advisory Board. CRA Staff has reached out to both providers for the additional information but both providers were unable to present the information prior to the November agenda being published.

An item was presented to the Eastside Advisory Board on October 9, 2018 and the Board made a motion schedule a special meeting to discuss it further prior to the CRA Board on November 19, 2018. CRA Staff attempted to schedule a special meeting, but Staff was unable to find a date where quorum could be reached. The Eastside Advisory Board members were informed of this and invited to attend the November 19, 2018 CRA Board meeting to participate.

The site construction contract is on schedule to be completed by April 2019 with construction of the new single family residential housing units immediately following. CRA Staff continues to work on the homebuilding piece in tandem with the other deliverables on this projects and will provide a robust update to the Board at this meeting.

The current account balance for Heartwood account # W920 is \$102,774.40. The CRA Board may want to consider the different options and decide the best procurement process for CRA Staff to proceed with.

CRA Executive Director to CRA Board: 1) Discuss the fiscal impact and funding sources needed to provide internet services at Heartwood 2) Give CRA Staff direction on how to move forward with internet services at Heartwood.