Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

City Hall, Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Carlos Benitez, Lindsay Eriksson, Sherwin Sargeant, Anjali Vaya, Matthew Downs, and Maria Bryant.

Absent

Jay R. Trent

Staff Present

Assistant Director of Economic Development/CRA Kyle Dudgeon; Economic Development/CRA Coordinator Anne Sallee; Virtually: Board Coordinator Tatia Ghviniashvili.

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Staff commented on absenteeism on all city boards as it concerns the City Commission.

Sherwin Sargeant arrived at 5:42 p.m.

Anjali Vaya arrived at 5:45 p.m.

a. Selection of Vice Chair

Motion made by Carlos Benitez to nominate Anjali Vaya as Vice Chair; seconded by Maria Bryant. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

2) Consent Agenda

a. Approve minutes of the regular meeting July 28, 2023

Motion made by Maria Bryant to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Lindsay Eriksson. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

3) Public Comments (for items not on the agenda):

Linda Walker, 794 Comstock Ave, asked questions about recent CRA initiatives and the involvement of staff in the community.

Staff briefly addressed the comments and will email Mr. Walker after the meeting to discuss her concerns/questions in further detail.

4) Action Items

There were none.

5) Non-Action Items

a. CRA Budget approval review

Staff spoke about the current status of the FY23-24 budget and noted the recommendations passed by the CRA Agency. Minor adjustments were made, such as moving post office acquisition funding in future years to stormwater. The new/updated Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list is included in the packet, and it address $5 million of regional stormwater improvements over the next three years. Staff also spoke about Winter Park Library funding for elevated services, to serve as community development- which will begin October 1. Various other elements and adjustments were noted, and staff spoke further about the Central Park restrooms (as discussed in detail at a previous meeting).

The floor opened for discussion and the board asked questions.

b. CRA extension update

Staff provided the history and background information pertaining to the CRAB extension. The major elements brought forward for the extension are affordable housing, infrastructure resiliency & sustainability, and traffic safety. Number of community meetings, and various internal/external discussions were held. Staff had a call with the consultant and are optimistic that the county will approve the extension and potential expansion.

The board asked a few questions about the elements discussed above and of their importance for an extension.

c. Knowles Paving

Staff is coordinating with Public Works and Parks and Recreation on a repaving of Knowles Ave. The project still requires levels of design review, which includes stormwater improvements, but is being presented before the board for input. The floor opened for discussion and questions.

6) Staff Updates

a. Staff Updates

Staff opened the floor for board questions regarding ongoing improvements/projects (found in the agenda packet).

A brief discussion ensued about upcoming meeting dates, and it was decided to cancel the October 26 meeting because staff will be attending a conference, and hold it on November 9 instead. Along with combining the regularly scheduled November and December meetings to be held on December 14.

7) Board Comments

There were none.

8) Upcoming Agenda Items

None were discussed.

9) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Minutes approved by the board on November 9, 2023.
/s/ Tatia Ghviniashvili, Board Coordinator