



# Community Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

**December 13, 2023 at 2:30 PM**

City Hall Commission Chambers  
401 S. Park Avenue

## **Present**

Mayor Phil Anderson, Commissioners Marty Sullivan, Sheila DeCiccio, Kris Cruzada, and Todd Weaver, Orange County Representative Hal George, City Manager Randy Knight; and City Clerk Rene Cranis.

## **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

## **2. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda):**

## **3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve the minutes of November 9, 2023

**Motion made by Mr. George to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Cruzada. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.**

## **4. Action Items**

- a. Central Park Area Improvements: Public Facility

Kyle Dudgeon, Assistant Division Director of Economic Development and CRA, provided the history of the design process and summarized changes to the plan as a result of prior discussions/requests of the commission, i.e. addition of a family restroom and design compatibility with the train station and Central Park stage. Upon approval, the design documents will be released for bid. He responded to questions stating that all restrooms are ADA compliant.

Mr. Charles Newton, 631 W. Swoope Avenue, supported the design of the building. He spoke about the CRA and his experience as a resident within the CRA and supported the expansion and extension of the CRA with prioritization of social issues. Mayor Anderson advised that housing will be an important part of continued discussions of the extension and expansion of the CRA.

Staff acknowledged Commissioner Cruzada's suggestion for a solid surface changing table as opposed to a drop-down changing table in the family restroom.

Mr. Knight shared a recent experience of a mother's difficulty finding a public restroom while visiting Park Avenue, which shows the need for a public restroom.

**Motion made by Mr. George to move forward as requested; seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Sullivan, DeCiccio, Cruzada and Weaver, Mr. George and Mayor Anderson voted yes. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.**

## **5. Staff Updates**

## **6. Board Comments**

Mayor Anderson -

- Spoke about definition of housing and ownership preferences and the needed to learn more about the Land Trust and Habitat for Humanity. He suggested representatives of those programs be included in the work session on housing in January.
- Spoke about the book "Pocket Neighborhoods" by Ross Chapin which presents concepts for developing small pocket neighborhoods and may be an option to consider in the CRA, and the book The Pattern Language, which became the template for new urbanism with discussion on walkable communities and urban landscapes.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

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Mayor Phillip M. Anderson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Rene Cranis