



Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Matthew Downs, Jay Trent, Sherwin Sargeant, Anjali Vaya, Carlos Benitez

Absent

Lindsay Siddiqui, Maria Bryant

Staff Present

Director of Office of Management & Budget Peter Moore; Assistant Director of Economic Development/CRA Kyle Dudgeon; Board Coordinator Charisma Lowery

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting, September 29, 2023

**Motion made by Carlos Benitez to approve the minutes as presented;
seconded by Sherwin Sargeant. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.**

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

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

- a. CRA Extension & Expansion

Staff and GAI Consultants met in regards to potentially extending or expanding the Community Redevelopment Area. The delegation of authority is given by Orange County as the charter county to allow the CRA, shared redevelopment objectives between the City and County are to be achieved. The major elements brought forward for the extension are affordable housing, infrastructure resiliency & sustainability, and traffic safety. The CRA requested that three expansion areas be considered (Lee Road, Fairbanks Avenue and Orlando Avenue) however the County has indicated that they are only willing to consider the West Fairbanks Avenue corridor area. Staff presented a map showing the Fairbanks Avenue Gateway corridor area to be considered for inclusion in Winter Park CRA. Redevelopment strategies and capital projects were discussed. Staff

noted 36% of single-family homes in Winter Park have been supported by CRA grants. Further discussion followed.

b. Central Park Area Improvements: Public Facility

Staff have received approval from the Commission for the artist selection regarding the Memorial Corner. Additional funding for Martin Luther King (MLK) park has been allocated. Staff and the artist selected have coordinated regarding development and official licensure of the sculpture. Currently, staff are developing the scope of services for the playground, to be reviewed by the board. Continued work on the New York Avenue Streetscape Project is ongoing. Further updates to follow.

6. Staff Updates

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Staff opened the floor for board questions regarding ongoing improvements/projects listed in the agenda packet. A brief discussion ensued about upcoming meeting dates, and the December 14 meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2024.

7. Board Comments

Ms. Vaya brought attention to concerns regarding CRA's Affordable Housing and suggested staff schedule a meeting between the board members, staff and the Chair of West Winter Park Neighborhood to discuss the CRA extension and answer any questions that may arise. Staff will gather clarifying information and address this suggestion at a later date.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

Due to a lack of action items for the December agenda, the meeting was canceled.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes approved by the board on January 25, 2024
/s/ Charisma Lowery, Board Coordinator