Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present
Carlos Benitez, Jay Trent, Lindsay Eriksson, Sherwin Sargeant, Pragasen Ramiah, Michael Perelman

Absent
Chauvet Paige

Staff Present
Assistant Director of Economic Development and CRA Kyle Dudgeon, CRA Coordinator Anne Sallee, Director of Office of Management & Budget Peter Moore

1. Call to Order

Mr. Benitez called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approve the minutes of July 24, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Trent to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Eriksson. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Minutes were amended to add Dr. Perelman's comment that the post office money should be reallocated because the post office project is not likely to happen.

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

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

a. Capital Improvement Project List

At the direction of the Board, Staff created a comprehensive list of potential capital improvement projects. The list, not exhaustive, includes projects from real estate, infrastructure, stormwater improvements, affordable housing (including community gardens), streetscape and landscape beautification, all projects within the City's adopted Transportation Master Plan, and projects identified in the CRA expansion amendment. The Board will need to take into consideration, projects have to be in the CRA and within the CRA plan. Mr. Moore suggested the need for uniformity and focus in moving projects forward and to Agency approval. The Community Redevelopment Agency will meet in November and February. Mr. Benitez asked for confirmation that at

the next Agency meeting, the Agency will be advised by staff that the Advisory Board requested to eliminate the Post Office project and have the $7M earmarked for other projects. Mr. Dudgeon informed the Board that the determination to remove the Post Office project is up to the Agency. Further discussion concluded that the Orange County extension request will continue until finalized, the Advisory Board will prioritize projects to bring before the Agency, and the Agency will be made aware of the Advisory Board's wish to remove the purchase of the Post Office project and reallocate funds to chosen priority projects.

Board members reviewed the list of projects and discussed extending the railroad trail, the $4M earmarked for the purchase of the Winter Park Playhouse property, beautification projects in the CRA district, community cultural activities that include businesses, and evening events in the parks. Further discussion continued concerning the improvement and connectivity of Denning and Fairbanks with the MLK park and the traffic box safety issue at the intersection of 17-92 and Morse Blvd. Suggestions were made to encourage affordable housing rehabilitation and demolishing blighted properties.

Mr. Moore summarized the suggestions made by the Board members on capital improvement projects. An updated list will be created and provided to the Board.

6. Staff Updates

a. Project Updates

Mr. Dudgeon updated the Board on the Dr. King sculpture. Pictures were displayed, followed by a short video. The sculpture is 95% complete and located at a foundry in Sanford, FL. The Board was updated on the MLK playground project and advised the city has procured a contractor, and will be working on the project into the new year.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Ramiah commended the positive brainstorming meeting and is looking forward to the next step. Mr. Benitez suggested the Board members attend the CRA meeting on 8/28 and applauded the Shady Park Pioneer memorial unveiling that he attended on 8/3/2024.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

The Capital Improvement project list will be updated. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2024.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Approved by the board on October 17, 2024
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator