



Community Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2024 at 2:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

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

Absent

Commissioner Craig Russell

1. Call to Order

Mayor DeCiccio called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of August 28, 2024
- b. Approve the minutes of the special meeting, October 9, 2024
- c. CRA Agency meeting dates FY2025

There were no public comments. **Motion made by Mr. George to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. The motion carried unanimously by a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Russell was absent. Commissioner Cruzada arrived after the vote.**

4. Action Items

- a. CIP Discussion & Direction

Assistant Director of Economic Development and CRA Kyle Dudgeon outlined CRA project funding through FY 2029.. The Community Redevelopment Advisor Board recommended approval of the revised CIP and funding allocations. Commissioner Weaver addressed the Park Avenue refresh, the loss of pedestrian traffic in the summer months and the opportunities to provide some relief from the heat. There were no public comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the amended project balances and the revised 5-year CIP, seconded by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote. Commissioner Russell was absent.

- b. Acquisition of 929-957 W. Fairbanks Avenue

Mr. Knight said the purpose of this property will provide intersection improvements at Fairbanks and Denning, expansion of MLK Park and stormwater improvements around Lake Rose. At the purchase price of \$4m, staff is recommending the allocation of \$3m from the CRA and \$1m from the Parks Acquisition Fund. He explained the status of leases of the existing properties and the intent to honor existing leases.

Charles Newton, 631 W. Swoope Avenue, spoke in favor of continuing a commercial element to retain the character and culture of the area.

Motion made by Commissioner Weaver to approve the purchase of the property at 929-957 W. Fairbanks Avenue and allocating \$3m from the CRA, seconded by Commissioner Cruzada. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote. Commissioner Russell was absent.

5. Staff Updates

6. Board Comments

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Mayor Sheila DeCiccio

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rene Cranis