



Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Minutes

December 09, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

Present

Board Members: Linda Washington, Carol Rosenfelt, Maria Bryant, Anjali Vaya, Murray Scott Wilson

Staff Members: Peter Moore, Kyle Dudgeon, Jesica Lovelace

Absent

Sarah Grafton, Matthew Hurst, Christine Girand

Meeting called to order

Staff called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

A. Introduction of New Staff

CRA Assistant Division Director, Kyle Dudgeon, introduced new CRA staff member, Jesica Lovelace.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - November 11, 2021.

Motion to approve minutes made by Carol Rosenfelt, seconded by Linda Washington. Motion Passes 5-0.

Action Items

A. MLK Park - Corner of Morse Boulevard & Denning Drive Proposal

CRA Assistant Division Director, Kyle Dudgeon, introduced the item. Mr. Dudgeon provided detail on a conceptual level approval for MLK Park improvements based on previously discussed enhancements and MLK conceptual designs. Mr. Dudgeon introduced Winter Park resident, Lee Rambeau Kemp to provide a brief presentation of the historical context of MLK Park, Winter Park residents, and overall goals. In 2012 - 2013, the City developed a task force, in concert with Parks and Recreation, and Le-Huu Partners, a professional and urbanist architectural firm in Orlando, to recommend and create elemental designs for the park. Le-Huu developed a conceptual design of a unity-themed park. Community member, Ms. Rambeau Kemp is asking the Community Redevelopment Advisory Board (CRAB) to erect a Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) monument, a memorial wall surrounding the monument to commemorate the residents who once lived where the park now stands, hardscape and landscape improvements, and to use the MLK park enhancement budget to finance and complete this project.

The board discussed the budget available to fund the project, as Mr. Dudgeon mentioned a rough estimate amount of approximately \$500,000.00 and there is no money in the current budget for this project. Mr. Dudgeon stated

funds could be considered from the CRA's cumulative cash balance, future fiscal year, or reprioritization of projects.

The board inquired about next steps for the project should it be approved. Mr. Dudgeon responded stating that the next step would be to go before the CRA Agency to request feedback and then ultimately integrate the approved concept into the entirety of the MLK project. At which point, staff will work with consultants to discuss overall design and schematics.

Discussion ensued regarding Winter Park's policy on recognizing community residents. The board questioned how the memorial wall and MLK monument would be designed in terms of elemental presentation and commissioned artists.

Budget & Management Division Director Peter Moore advised that funding options for the project could vary depending on ARPA funding availability, funding reallocation from existing projects, or requesting additional money from the CRA Agency. However, stressed the importance of focusing on conceptual level approval as it is too soon to begin discussions about funding. In considering board approval, Mr. Moore advised the board to focus on the 2013 Le-Huu concept, a method for a call to artists, and the addition of an educational/memorial wall element.

Prior to approval, the board opened the floor to public comment.

Mary Daniels, 650 Canton Avenue, supported the motion as Mr. Moore discussed. Asked the board to approve the motion and move the project forward.

Forest Michael, 358 West Comstock Avenue, supported Mr. Moore's motion and reflected on the value the unity corner offers the entire community.

Martha Bryant, 331 West Lyman Avenue, thanked the board supported Mr. Moore's motion and agrees with both Ms. Daniels and Mr. Michael.

Motion made by Murray Scott Wilson to approve the 2013 Le-Huu conceptual design with the addition of an educational/memorial wall element with a call to artist, seconded by Linda Washington. Motion passes 5-0.

B. CBD Applications

CRA Assistant Division Director, Kyle Dudgeon, introduced the item. Mr. Dudgeon asked for the board's support in staff applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant funding. CDBG grants are federal grants administered through county government. The grants act as reimbursement grants. Orange County has approved one CDBG grant application that the CRA submitted early 2021 to fund free WiFi project down Denning Drive. The grant application was approved for \$125,000.00.

CRA staff recently submitted an additional grant application requesting funding from CDBG as well as remaining CARES Act monies. The application is to request funding to the purchase a new generator for the community center and new Audio Visual (AV) equipment. The total grant request is totaled at \$475,000.00.

Mr. Dudgeon is asking the board to endorse both grant application requests.

The board inquired about how the projects would be funded if the grant were not approved. Mr. Dudgeon replied that the City was already planning to fund these projects either way.

Motion made by Murray Scott Wilson to approve the endorsement, seconded by Linda Washington. Motion passes 5-0.

Staff Updates

A. Project updates

The New York Avenue Project is still moving forward within the estimated completion timeline. The Central Park Stage is still in the design phase and will go to proposal in January. Mr. Dudgeon advised the board to encourage merchants to participate and register for the Hometown Holidays Window Showcase. Further, Mr. Dudgeon briefly mentioned the Downtown pressure washing list for the year.

The board inquired about the status of the drop-off parking spaces. Mr. Dudgeon has a meeting with the City's Transportation team on Monday, December 13, 2021 to discuss the drop-off parking spaces.

Public Comments

None.

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None.

Board Comment

The board request a print out of the latest pro-forma for the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Christine Girand, Chairperson

Board Liaison, Kyle Dudgeon