



Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

City Hall, Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Maria Bryant, Jay R. Trent, Sherwin Sargeant, and Matthew Downs; Board Coordinator Tatia Ghviniashvili.

Staff Present

Assistant Division Director of Economic Development/CRA Kyle Dudgeon; Economic Development/CRA Coordinator Anne Sallee.

1) Call to Order

Chair Maria Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

A roll call was taken and new board members were introduced.

2) Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of regular meeting February 16, 2023

Motion made by Jay R. Trent to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Maria Bryant. Motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

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

There were none.

4) Action Items

- a. MLK Community Playground Design

Staff gave a brief presentation about the ongoing MLK Jr. Community Playground design. Over the past year, staff from both the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Community Redevelopment Board, in partnership with Dix-Hite, have conducted numerous community meetings, through various mediums, to bring forward a conceptual design of the playground. The design and map of the playground were presented to the board and the floor opened for discussion and questions.

Jessica Griggs, Dix-Hite, addressed board questions and concerns about the splashpad, sanitation, and accessibility of the proposed playground design.

A brief discussion followed about the positive community feedback.

Motion made by Maria Bryant to approve the concept presented so staff can continue moving forward with the project; seconded by Sherwin Sargeant.

Anjali Vaya, and Carlos Benitez (newly appointed board members who will begin in May) voiced their support for the playground.

Motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

5) Non-Action Items

a. Center Street Environment

Staff spoke on center street cleanup, which was discussed at length at a previous meeting, and ways to improve the facades of businesses. An additional CRA streetscape attendant has been hired to maximize the amount of time and assistance given to business owners and employees. During an evaluation process, staff found that storm drains at these businesses have become impaired due to various elements falling into the running water. After review, staff is looking to add an amendment to the CRA Business Façade Program focusing on, public-facing, small-scale utility improvements, such as mop sinks, condensate discharge connections, and others as may be provided for within the city code. Staff is also suggesting working with business owners on paying for a pervious drainage condensate using the CRA Small Scale Improvements Fund, which would cover 100% of the cost. A design was presented and it was explained that staff would work with business owners to provide a drainage condensate in their private right of way.

The floor opened for discussion and the board asked questions about the funding and specifics of who would qualify. There have been varying levels of feedback from businesses and most seem to be interested. A brief discussion followed and staff will incorporate the feedback from this meeting to make any needed modifications and will bring back to the board for further review.

b. CRA Annual Report 2022

Staff briefly shared the CRA Annual Report 2022, which highlights all projects in the works and completed. Hard copies will be provided to the board.

6) Staff Updates

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A few project updates were provided. Including three streetscape projects that are currently in progress.

7) Board Comments

There were no board comments.

8) Upcoming Agenda Items

- Center street work updates.
- MLK Community Playground updates.
- Budget updates.

9) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Minutes approved by the board on May 25, 2023.
/s/ Tatia Ghviniashvili, Board Coordinator