CRA Agency
Regular Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Winter Park Community Center
721 W. New England Avenue | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Mayor Steven Leary
Commissioner Marty Sullivan
Commissioner Sheila DeCiccio
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper
Commissioner Todd Weaver
Orange County Representative Hal George

City Manager Randy Knight
City Attorney Kurt Ardaman
City Clerk Rene Cranis

1) Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Leary called the meeting to order at 2:00. Commissioner Cooper requested time at the end of the agenda for new business.

2) Citizen Comments (Items not on the agenda)

Greg Seidel, 1251 Lakeview Drive, addressed parking needs at MLK Park and the Library and Event Center and urged the commission to look at needs and options before the Center opens and move forward with using CRA funds to provide parking for the park and the Center.

Lawanda Thompson, 664 W. Lyman, spoke about the 1619 Fest, part of the celebration of Black History Month, which includes a 5-k race. She asked for financial assistance ($5,000) to cover some of the Police and Fire Department costs of the race.

These items were discussed at the end of this meeting.

3) Consent Agenda

a. Approve the minutes of August 12, 2020
b. Approve the minutes of October 8, 2020

Motion made by Commissioner Cooper to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of the CRA budget to the minutes of the August 12, 2020 meeting; seconded by Mayor Leary. There were no public comments**. Motion carried unanimously with a 6 – 0 vote.**

4) Action Items

a. <u>Municipal Area Public Wi-Fi Expansion</u>

Assistant Division Director of Economic Development/CRA Kyle gave a presentation on the proposed expansion project to provide coverage for South Park Avenue and New England Avenue. The Economic Recovery Task Force and Economic Development Advisory Board recommend approval at a cost of $175,000.

Commissioner Cooper asked that staff provide the cost to extend coverage to Winter Park Village given the proposed redevelopment and senior housing along the path to the Village. Mr. Dudgeon said staff will research and provide the cost.

Motion made by Mayor Leary to approve the expansion of public Wi-Fi within the downtown core; seconded by Commissioner Cooper. There were no public comments. **Upon a roll call vote, Mayor Leary, Commissioners Sullivan, DeCiccio, Cooper and Weaver and Mr. George voted yes. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.**

b. <u>Central Park stage improvements</u>

Mr. Dudgeon reviewed the design concepts and advised that the CRA Advisory Board recommended approval of the train station design and also to reconsider public restrooms in the downtown area.

Commissioner Cooper commented on the ordinance that requires a referendum to add a building in and adjacent to Central Park.

Discussion followed on design aspects such as acoustics, location of the stage, line of sight, alternative locations for a public restroom including the train station.

Motion made by Commissioner Cooper to move forward with public participation to select one of the two designs; seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. (Replaced by motion below to approve the train station design.)

Motion made by Commissioner Sullivan to amend the motion to select the train station design. (Withdrawn).

Motion made by Commissioner Cooper to move forward with train station design; seconded by Mayor Leary.

In response to questions, Mr. Knight explained that the ordinance prohibits new structures on city-owned land in or adjacent to Central Park (bounded by Canton, Park, New England and New York Avenues) however, the ordinance could be modified.

Upon a roll call vote on the motion to move forward with the train station design. Mayor Leary, Commissioners Sullivan, DeCiccio, Cooper and Weaver and Mr. George voted yes. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

5) Discussion Items

a. Shady Park improvements

Mr. Dudgeon reviewed the proposed improvements to Shady Park which include removal of the splash pad to something more usable, lighting improvements and buffered parking. He advised that the plan received support from the CRA Advisory Board and Parks and Recreation Board and discussion followed on the splash pad and maintenance and sanitary concerns and on tree replanting.

2) Citizen Comments (Continued)

After discussion on Mrs. Thompson's request for financial assistance, consensus was to assist with police and fire costs for the 5k run.

Mayor Leary addressed Mr. Seidel's comments regarding parking at the new library and event center. He suggested waiting until the center is open for a year to determine whether a parking garage is needed. After discussion, consensus was to delay until parking needs are determined.

Commissioner Cooper asked for an update on the use of TIF funds if needed for future library needs and on programs and future needs of Habitat for Humanity and Housing Authority (on upcoming City Commission agenda). She asked to consider a resolution supporting reinstituting/refunding the QTI program at the State level.

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Mayor Steve Leary

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rene Cranis