



Eastside Redevelopment Board
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – 4:00 P.M. Central
222 W. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Pensacola FL 32502
Hagler Mason Conference Room

RECORD OF MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeannie Rhoden Homeowner
Fred D. Young Business Owner
Aretta Anderson Neighborhood Association Representative
Gerald Wingate Council Member Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

William Brown Homeowner

STAFF PRESENT

Helen Gibson CRA Administrator
Victoria D’Angelo Asst. CRA Administrator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Chairwoman, Jeannie Rhoden.

The Board’s Rules of Order and Decorum were read by Chairwoman Rhoden.

2. Determination of Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. Election of Officers

Chairwoman Rhoden announced that item #3 had been added to the agenda in error and, therefore, proceeded to item #4.

4. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2018

Councilman Wingate made a motion to approve the October 24, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Board Member Young and passed unanimously.

5. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

6. New Business

No new business was discussed.

7. Reports and Announcements

a. Information Item: Update on Residential Property Improvement Program

Assistant CRA Administrator, Victoria D’Angelo provided an update on the Residential Property Improvement Program. She informed the Board that outreach efforts had begun within the first priority

area, and directed the Board to the item's attachment for responses received. Discussion ensued among the Board, Ms. D'Angelo, and CRA Administrator, Helen Gibson, fielding comments and questions. Ms. D'Angelo and Ms. Gibson responded accordingly.

b. Information Item: Update on Proposed CRA Urban Design Overlay District

Ms. D'Angelo provided an update on the CRA Urban Design Overlay District. She informed that Board that the Board's request letter recommending that the CRA and City Council reconsider the overlay ordinance and affirming that the proposed overlay was appropriate for the Eastside redevelopment area, would be presented to the Community Redevelopment Agency during its upcoming meeting on January 14, 2019. Discussion ensued among the Board, Ms. D'Angelo, and CRA Administrator, Helen Gibson, fielding comments and questions. Ms. D'Angelo and Ms. Gibson responded accordingly.

c. Information Item: Update on Chappie James Overflow Parking

Ms. Gibson provided an update on the construction of the Chappie James Overflow Parking Facility. Ms. informed the Board that the project site was a Brownfield site that had required the installation of groundwater monitoring wells to test for contamination. She explained that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had deemed that the groundwater was clean and recommended abandonment of the well. She further stated that due to the age of the former gas station building that an asbestos survey was conducted. She stated that design was substantially complete, and that bidding for construction was anticipated to begin within the next month or two. She asserted, however, that the recent hurricane may delay the project due to the availability of contractors.

d. Information Item: Update on Hollice T. Williams Urban Greenway

Ms. D'Angelo provided an update on the Hollice T. Williams Urban Greenway. She informed the Board that the CRA and Escambia County had recently entered into an Interlocal Agreement to establish the role of the City in the management of the project. She explained that the next steps would be to develop a scope of work and select design and engineering consultants for the design of the greenway and skate park. She reminded the Board that funds had only been identified for design of the greenway, and that additional funds would need to be sought for construction. Discussion ensued among the Board, Ms. D'Angelo, and Ms. Gibson fielding comments and questions. Ms. D'Angelo and Ms. Gibson responded accordingly.

e. Information Item: Update to Rules and Procedures

Ms. D'Angelo advised the Board that City Council had recently adopted legislation requiring that its appointed boards solicit public input prior to any action, and presented guidelines delineating the recommended process.

8. Board Member Comments

No comments were received.

9. Open Forum

Public comments were received by the following person(s):

- Drew Buchanan, 211 S. Florida Blanca Street
- Jewel Cannada-Wynn, 605 W Blount Street
- Ann Hill, 412 W Gregory Street

10. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.