



Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Chair Gib Coerper
Vice Chair Edward Potts
Member Shirley Green Brown
Member Jennifer Ringersen
Member Dayna Williams

City Manager Mike DaRoza
City Attorney Marian Rush

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers
15100 NW 142 Terrace
Alachua, FL 32615



ALACHUA CRA
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

CALL TO ORDER

Gib Coerper- Chair 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Edward Potts moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Shirley Green Brown.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

A) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES 11.18.24

Member Green Brown moved to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting; seconded by Member Jennifer Ringersen.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

B) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES 12.09.24

Member Dayna Williams moved to approve the minutes from the December 09, 2024 meeting; seconded by Member Ringersen.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

C) STAFF UPDATES

Susan King, Community Redevelopment Coordinator, presented her staff update report.

Member Williams asked for clarification about the bidding process for Theater Park. Assistant City Manager, City of Alachua, Rodolfo Valladares clarified information about the bidding process for Theater Park. He stated that he would not be able to give a hard date for the award at this time.

Member Williams wanted to know what the time frame would be after the bids are received.

Mr. Valladares stated within 30 days.

Member Williams asked about what kind of feed back was received from the building owners concerning the lighting project for Main Street.

Ms. King confirmed that approximately half of the business owners have been spoken to and all of them spoke positively about the project. The only one that chose not to participate was the owner of Conestogas restaurant.

Member Williams thanked Mr Hitchcock, who was in the audience, for working with the City concerning the new sign going up at the corner of Main and 441.

Member Green Brown asked if there was any particular reason that the owner of Conestogas did not want to participate.

Ms. King stated that he is having an issue with loose bricks at this time and she does not believe that he understands how light the lights are. She feels that he just needs some more information.

Member Green Brown and Member Ringersen also thanked the Hitchcocks for their support to the City of Alachua.

Vice Chair Potts commended Ms. King and Mr. Valladares for their commitment to keep these projects moving forward.

Member Green Brown stated the Christmas celebrations were spectacular and thanked Ms. King and her team.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Alan Hitchcock requested that the board consider implementing a 2hr parking limit on Main Street only. He suggested it be accomplished by using nice quality signs placed in landscaped areas to communicate to those that there is a limit but making sure we keep the aesthetics of the downtown area. He stated that he has visited a number of small downtown areas in surrounding towns, and they all have parking limits. He also asserted that there are other available parking options for employees and owners.

Leon Barrows, owner of Music Junction, stated that the parking problem is along the entire length of Main Street.

Nicole Stroud, owner of Valerie's Loft, stated that there are no handicap parking spaces. She has a lot of elder and handicapped customers that don't come to her business anymore because of the parking problems.

Ms. King requested a special meeting to continue the discussions about the parking problem.

Ms. Ringersen informed Ms. King that she has the consensus of the board to schedule a special CRA meeting with this topic as the agenda item.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Potts moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Ringersen.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Coerper adjourned the meeting. 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
ALACHUA, FLORIDA:**



W. Michael DaRoza, CRA
Executive Director



Gib Coerper, CRA Chair