



ALACHUA CRA
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chair Kelly Harris
Vice Chair Mandy Bucci
Member Leon Barrows
Member Brian Boukari
Member Rudy Rothseiden

City Manager Rodolfo Valladares
City Attorney Scott Walker

The Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board will conduct a
Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting
At 3:00 PM

to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

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

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

A) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES- MARCH 16, 2026.

B) STAFF REPORT

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

ADJOURN



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Approve Meeting Minutes- March 16, 2026.

PREPARED BY: Brenda Flieger

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2026 CRAAB meeting..

Summary

Approve Meeting Minutes- March 16, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

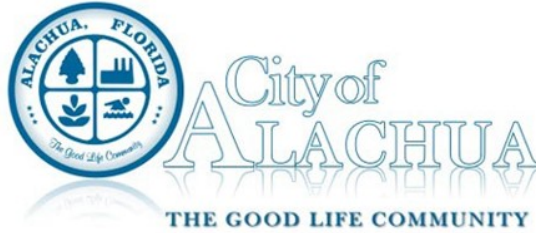
None

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. 26.03.16.M.CRAAB



Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2026 at 3:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Kelly Harris – Chair 3:00 p.m. Brian Boukari – Member – Absent - Late

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Rudy Rothseiden moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice chair Mandy Bucci.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

A) APPROVE MEETING MINUTES-JANUARY 26, 2026

Member Leon Barrows moved to approve the minutes from the Januray 26, 2026 meeting; seconded by Member Boukari.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Member Boukari is now present.

B) STAFF UPDATES

Susan King, Community Redevelopment Coordinator, 03/16/26, Staff Report, Filed.
Courtney Baes, Citizen, 03/16/26, Presentation on Mobile Stage, Filed.
Bryan Thomas, Director Planning and Community Development, Verbal Information, Submitted.

Member Boukari moved for staff to investigate the ownership, maintenance and ability of leasing of a portable stage also the legalities of the CRA having ownership; seconded by Member Barrows.

Member Rothseiden withdrew his motion and Member Barrows withdrew his second.

Member Rothseiden moved for staff to investigate the legality of the CRA owning and maintaining a mobile stage, with the potential to lease. If possible, we would look to appropriate up to \$25,000.00 of CRA funds – half coming from the Grants and Aide Fund and half from the Capital Fund- to purchase a mobile stage. This motion will hopefully encourage the City to input matching funds to increase the potential of purchasing a newer state of the art stage; seconded by Member Boukari.

Motion passed-roll call vote 5-0.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

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Tamara Robbins

ADJOURN

Member Barrows moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Boukari.

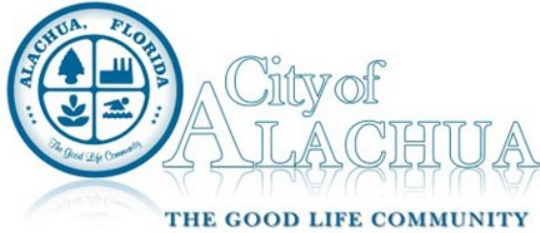
Chair Harris adjourned the meeting. 5:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

CRA Advisory Board Chair

Staff Liaison



Commission Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Staff Report

PREPARED BY: Bryan Thomas

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive Presentation

Summary

Overview of “Ideas to Action” CRA Workshops

Thus far, staff has conducted three CRA workshops designed to gather input from CRA stakeholders and the general public on their priorities for the CRA work plan. The fourth and final workshop will be held on June 2nd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the James A. Lewis commission chambers in City Hall. Once input from the CRA Board is received, staff will draft an amended CRA work plan for CRA Board review and approval.

Billboard Design

Companies that have expressed an interest in providing services to the CRA for billboard design will have an opportunity to give presentations to the CRA Board at the workshop on June 2nd. Information provided by the design firms will help the Board decide on the direction they want to go with the design.

CRA Coordinator

The CRA Coordinator position has been filled. The new CRA Coordinator, Daniel Blumberg, will start on June 1st. Mr. Blumberg has several years of CRA experience as a project manager with the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area.

City of Alachua Strategic Planning Retreat

The City of Alachua held its annual strategic planning retreat on Tuesday, May 12th at the Alachua Women’s Club. Of special interest to the CRA, staff gave a presentation on Strategic Initiative 1.1, “Revitalize Main Street and the Downtown Area,” highlighting some of the year’s accomplishments and programs. Staff also proposed including a small-scale mixed-use development as part of the initiative in order to expand the area’s commercial footprint and

bring additional residential density in support of downtown businesses.

Staff also discussed Strategic Initiative 3.1, “Identify and Explore Potential Opportunities to Increase Connectivity Throughout the City, Promoting a More Walkable Community,” and how the Trails Master Plan currently under development will support that initiative. Many of the initial trail projects in the plan will likely be in the urban core/CRA district.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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None