



ALACHUA CRA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018

Chair Rudy Rothseiden
Vice - Chair Bryan Boukari
Member Marvin Bingham, Jr.
Member Kelly Harris
Member Rick Robertson

Executive Director Adam Boukari

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting 3:00 PM

Meeting Date: October 15, 2018

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers
Stakeholder Meeting

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CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rudy Rothseiden called the meeting to order. Vice Chair Bryan Boukari was not present at the call to order. Member Marvin Bingham, Jr. was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Rick Robertson moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Kelly Harris.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Business Facade Grant Program

CRA Coordinator Chelsea Bakaitis provided the Staff presentation.

Vice Chair Boukari arrived at 3:10 p.m..

Chair Rothseiden clarified that the program will be available for owners and tenants.

Member Harris asked if estimated permitting fees will be included and provided to applicants during the application process.

CRA Coordinator Bakaitis responded.

Chair Rothseiden suggested waving permit fees for program grant recipients.

Chair Rothseiden opened the floor for comments.

Doug Hancock, owner of Sign Pro of North Florida, discussed the timeline for a project's completion.

Member Harris moved to recommend the CRA approve the Business Facade Grant Program Policies and Procedures with the addition of an allowance for grant recipients to request and receive up to three (3) extensions to complete a project, with each extension not to exceed 30 days; seconded by Member Robertson.

Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.

II. NEW BUSINESS

B. Approval of the Minutes of the September 17, 2018 CRAAB Meeting

Vice Chair Boukari moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Member Harris.

Passed by unanimous consent.

C. Stakeholder Forum

CRA Coordinator Bakatis provided the Staff presentation.

Member Robertson spoke about Tax Increment Financing.

Chair Rothseiden opened the floor for comments.

Doug Hancock, owner of Sign Pro of North Florida, discussed the benefits of signage for redevelopment efforts and shared that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Farmer's Market every Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chair Rothseiden commended the CRA for the Third Thursday on Main event and the Chamber of Commerce for the Farmer's Market and offered suggestions for both events.

Vice Chair Boukari commended the CRA for the work completed on various infrastructure improvement projects. He also spoke about Tax Increment Financing, suggested other possible funding opportunities to complement the CRA's efforts, and encouraged public participation.

Chair Rothseiden requested input from the Board and public about the Third Thursday on Main events.

Doug Hancock, owner of Sign Pro of North Florida, spoke in support of Third Thursday on Main and offered suggestions for future events.

Brittany Myers, of Suwanee River AHEC, suggested seeking grants from Visit Alachua County, and offered suggestions to improve Third Thursday on Main events.

Patricia Wester spoke about the target audience for Main Street patrons and the identity of Main Street.

Member Harris suggested hosting a Shop, Dine, & Stroll event and also seeking sponsors from the business community.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Boukari thanked Stakeholders for attending and encouraged them to attend future meetings. He also suggested installing speakers along Main Street and the Board's continued efforts to improve the CRA and City.

Chair Rothseiden suggested incorporating renewable energy into future CRA projects and also suggested traffic modifications along NW 142nd Terrace.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Harris.

Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:



CRA Advisory Board Chair

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Staff Liaison