



ALACHUA CRA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 18, 2023

Chair Rudy Rothseiden
Vice Chair Kelly Harris
Member Jovante Hayes
Member Bryan Boukari
Member Rick Robertson

Executive Director Mike DaRoza

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting 3:00 PM

Meeting Date: September 18, 2023

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

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CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Chair Rudy Rothseiden.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Kelly Harris moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Jovante Hayes.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the August 21, 2023 CRAAB Meeting

Member Bryan Boukari moved to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2023 meeting; seconded by Member Hayes.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

- B. Staff Updates- September 18, 2023

Community Redevelopment Coordinator Susan King made the presentation.

Member Boukari asked questions about the location of the National Register sign and recommended there be more signs for Historic Downtown.

Chair Rothseiden, Member Boukari, Vice Chair Harris, and Member Rick Robertson made suggestions concerning the new billboard configuration.

Community Redevelopment Coordinator King responded.

Member Robertson asked questions about the location of verbiage for Visit Gainesville on these signs as required.

Community Redevelopment Coordinator King responded.

Member Robertson asked questions about who was in charge of the Holiday Nights events.

Community Redevelopment Coordinator King responded.

Chair Rothseiden, Member Boukari, Vice Chair Harris, and Member Robertson asked questions and made suggestions about the wayfinding signs.

Community Redevelopment Coordinator King responded.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Chair Rothseiden opened the floor for discussion or comments.

Vice Chair Harris initiated a discussion about parking concerns in the downtown area.

Member Boukari, Member Robertson and Chair Rothseiden offered suggestions about the parking concerns.

Member Boukari, Vice Chair Harris, and Chair Rothseiden initiated suggestions for making the intersection of Main St and Hwy 441 more noticeable.

Member Hayes suggested getting the businesses more involved in advertising for Main St.

Chair Rothseiden discussed the infrastructure of Main St. and suggested it needs to be more attractive and inviting.

Member Boukari also added ideas for improvement.

Community Redevelopment Coordinator King asked for input concerning the 2019 Plan for the wayfinding Signs.

Member Boukari, Member Robertson and Chair Rothseiden added suggestions and concerns.

Member Boukari reaffirmed his concerns regarding access to the City parking lot near the Chamber building. He read statutes verbatim to emphasize his point.

The Board discussed the condition of railroad crossings, who to contact and the results of that contact.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

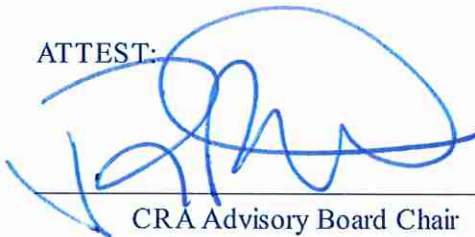
There were no comments.

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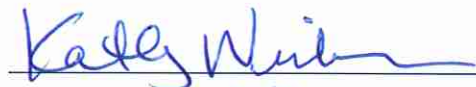
Member Hayes moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Boukari.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:


CRA Advisory Board Chair

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Staff Liaison