



ALACHUA CRA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 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: August 21, 2023

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

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CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rudy Rothseiden called the meeting to order. He conducted roll call. All members present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Bryan Boukari moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Jovante Hayes.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sunshine Law and Public Records Presentation

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams presented information on The Sunshine Law and Public Records, as they apply to this board.

Chair Rothseiden asked the board members for questions or comments.

Chair Rothseiden asked about access to the minutes of each meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Williams responded.

B. Parliamentary Procedures Review

Deputy City Clerk Williams presented information on Parliamentary Procedures.

Chair Rothseiden asked the board members for questions or comments.

Vice Chair Kelly Harris posed several questions.

Deputy City Clerk Williams and Chair Rothseiden responded and clarified.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the July 17, 2023 CRAAB Meeting

Vice Chair Harris moved to approve the reading of the minutes from the July 17, 2023 meeting; seconded by Vice Chair Harris.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. Staff Updates

Community Redevelopment Coordinator Susan King presented staff updates.

Chair Rothseiden posed several questions about the billboards.

Community Redevelopment Coordinator Susan King and Principal Planner Adam Hall responded and clarified.

Member Boukari moved to set aside \$5000 for road closures during the Holiday Nights Events.; seconded by Vice Chair Kelly Harris.

Vice Chair Harris, Member Bryan Boukari, Jovante Hayes, and Chair Rothseiden posed several questions about Holiday Nights events, costs, and road closures for these events.

Member Boukari amended his original motion. Member Boukari moved to consider setting aside funding to assist our public partners in hosting subsequent Holiday Nights evenings on Main Street, after staff provides an itemized list of the budget for those holiday expenses; seconded by Vice Chair Harris.

Passed by unanimous consent.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Member Robertson made a statement about this board being an advisory board not a board that makes decisions. He stated that this board makes recommendations to the CRA and they make the decisions.

Member Boukari welcomed Member Hayes. Chair Rothseiden suggested that each Board Member invite a community member to the meeting each time so there would be more exposure to what this Board does.

Vice Chair Harris commended Community Redevelopment Coordinator King for her efforts with mowing behind Theatre Park. She also asked about the light replacement progress.

Community Redevelopment Coordinator King responded.

Community Redevelopment Coordinator King also touched on the amount of information that will be presented at the next meeting.

Member Robertson inquired about the light sensor for Main Street not working.

Vice Chair Harris inquired about the asphalt going over the railroad tracks on 235.

Member Boukari inquired about the shading project at Theatre Park.

Vice Chair Harris responded.

Member Hayes suggested some sort of incentive for the public to entice them to come to the Holiday Nights events, for example, shirts.

Vice Chair Harris and Member Boukari made additional suggestions.

Chair Rothseiden made comment about putting screening around the dumpster in the new parking lot.

Chair Rothseiden inquired about any kind of resolution concerning the access road from the parking lot in the center of Main Street and going behind the law offices.

Member Boukari commented on this issue.

Chair Rothseiden suggested that an update on the issue would be appreciated.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Member Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Hayes.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

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CRA Advisory Board Chair

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Staff Liaison