



ALACHUA CRA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Agenda July 25, 2022

Chair Gib Coerper
Vice Chair Jennifer Blalock
Member Shirley Green Brown
Member Dayna Miller
Member Edward Potts

City Manager Mike DaRoza
City Attorney Marian Rush

The City Commission will conduct a
Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting
At 5:00 PM
to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: July 25, 2022

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

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COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the May 9, 2022 CRA Meeting
- B. Downtown Parking Lot with Underground Utilities and Stormwater Retention: Update
- C. The Great American Cleanup

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

ADJOURN



Board/Committee Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 7/25/2022

SUBJECT: Approval of the Minutes of the May 9, 2022 CRA Meeting

PREPARED BY: Lindsay Rizzo, Community Redevelopment Agency

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2022 CRA Meeting.

Summary

Approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2022 CRA Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▢ Minutes CRA May 9, 2022



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Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes May 9, 2022

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COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gib Coerper called the meeting to order. All Members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Shirley Green Brown moved to approved the agenda; seconded by Vice Chair Jennifer Blalock.

Motion Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the March 14, 2022 CRA Meeting

Member Brown moved to approved the minutes; seconded by Vice Chair Blalock.

Motion Passed by unanimous consent.

- B. CRA Advisory Board Member Appointments

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams presented the Item.

Vice Chair Blalock moved to adopt Resolution CRA22-02, seconded by Member Ed Potts.

Motion Passed 5-0 in a roll call vote.

- C. Business Facade Grant Policies and Procedures Update

CRA Coordinator Lindsay Rizzo presented the Update.

Vice Chair Blalock moved to adopt Resolution CRA 22-04; seconded by Member Potts.

Motion Passed 5-0 in a roll call vote.

- D. Business Façade Grant Program Application: A request by Rick Robertson, applicant and property owner, requesting the approval of a Business Facade Grant Application for Project improvements to a building located at 14841 Main Street.

CRA Coordinator Rizzo presented the Update.

Member Brown moved that the Community Redevelopment Agency (1) finds the Business Façade Grant Program Application submitted by Rick Robertson of Music Junction on Main Street for improvements to a building located at 14841 Main Street to be consistent with the Business Façade Grant Program Polices and Procedures, and (2) adopt Resolution 22-05; seconded by Vice Chair Blalock.

Motion Passed 5-0 in a roll call vote.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

None.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Member Potts moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Brown.

Passed by unanimous consent.

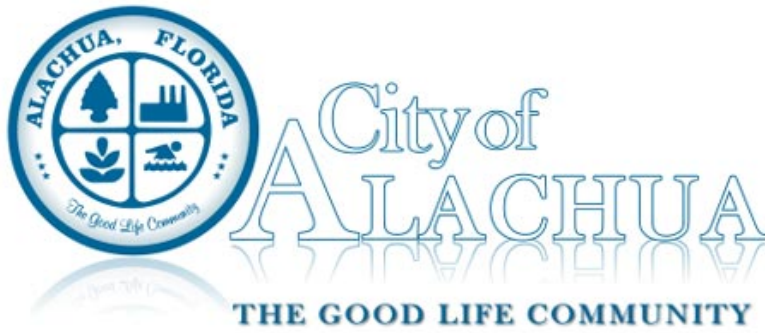
ATTEST:

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

W. Michael DaRoza, CRA Executive
Director

Gib Coerper, CRA Chair



Board/Committee Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 7/25/2022

SUBJECT: Downtown Parking Lot with Underground Utilites and Stormwater Retention: Update

PREPARED BY: Lindsay Rizzo, Community Redevelopment Agency

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hear update.

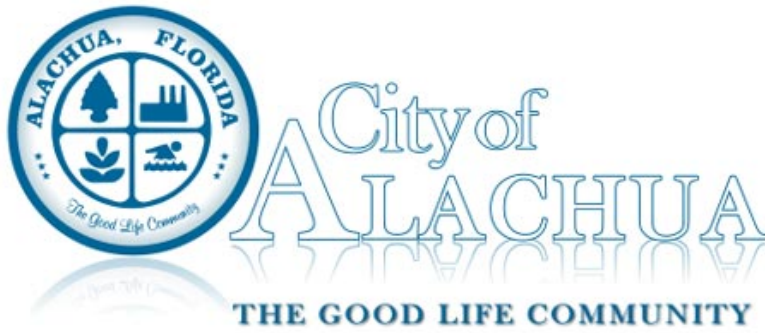
Summary

Status:

The City of Alachua Community Redevelopment Agency awarded the bid to construct the downtown parking lot with underground utilities and stormwater retention to Andrews Paving. CHW is the engineer of record and is also providing construction administration services through to the completion of the project. Currently, staff is working with Andrews Paving and CHW to develop a construction timeline. Supply issues are causing a delay to beginning construction. Once construction begins, every effort will be made to expedite the process so that businesses surrounding the parking area experience as minimal interference as possible.

Project Summary:

The project proposes the development of a new parking lot and utility improvements within the historic downtown core of Alachua, Florida. The parking lot will be comprised of 40 parking spaces, including two (2) handicap accessible spaces. Pedestrian connections to access historic Main Street will be included within the project. The project will include the conversion of existing overhead electrical service to underground service, enhancing business' current service and creating areas for potential new restaurants and cafes to establish courtyard dining and seating behind existing buildings. The project will improve stormwater drainage by providing an underground stormwater to accommodate stormwater runoff from proposed impervious areas and to improve existing stormwater conditions. In addition, other aesthetic improvements will be provided through enhanced landscaping and waste receptacle screening.



Board/Committee Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: 7/25/2022

SUBJECT: The Great American Cleanup

PREPARED BY: Lindsay Rizzo, Community Redevelopment Agency

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hear Update.

Summary

The Great American Cleanup is a nationwide effort to keep America beautiful. For more than a decade, The City of Alachua has been developed a well recognized program by the citizens of the community who return year after year to assist with grassroots projects. This year, the City developed three projects; cleanup and planting behind the Swick House, cleanup of Criswell Park, and cleanup and planting on Main Street. On May 14, 2022 the City of Alachua's Great American Cleanup saw its largest volunteer turnout with nearly 100 participants.

The Main Street cleanup and planting was developed over several months as staff worked with a local nursery, Landscapes Unlimited Inc. to prepare a site specific planting design. This design considers, sunlight based on the time of day, irrigation requirements, vehicle traffic, pedestrian traffic, etc. Landscapes Unlimited Inc, offered to prepare this design at no cost to the CRA. The company then procured and maintained 1200 plants, and then arrived on Main Street at 7am on the morning of the cleanup with multiple staff members to layout each of the plants. All of this was at no cost to the CRA. The only cost incurred was the cost of the plant. Since the installation, Landscapes Unlimited Inc has returned to the site several times to perform inspections.

Sponsors for this event included:

AbbFortis Strategies
Andrews Paving Inc.
Canvas Church
Dominos
Dunkin Donuts
Gatorland Kubota
George F. Young Inc.
The Healing House
Jacobs
Landscapes Unlimited Inc.
Mi Apa Latin Café
Purvis Gray
The Rothseiden Family

SAS Tree Service
Scherer Construction
Sky Frog Landscapce
SnG
Stewart Pest Control
Saint Paul

Excerpt from The Great American Cleanup:

The Great American Cleanup prompts individuals to take greater responsibility for their local environment by conducting grassroots community service projects that engage volunteers, local businesses, and civic leaders. A successful Great American Cleanup project must fulfill the needs of the local community; that's why we work with local community and business leaders, as well as other key stakeholders to gain knowledge about the community's needs and carefully select and execute appropriate projects.

Community Cleanup

The Great American Cleanup began as a litter cleanup initiative designed to aesthetically improve our environment by creating cleaner parks, streetscapes, and public spaces through litter removal and elimination. To this day, community cleanups remain at the very heart of the campaign, and the results are remarkable. In 2019 alone, over 40 million pounds of litter and recyclables were collected by volunteers throughout the country.

Community Greening

Our community greening and beautification efforts range from new tree plantings that provide shade and sequester carbon to planting flower gardens that create vibrant gateways to shopping and entertainment districts to creating community gardens that help feed the hungry and educate young gardeners.

Community Education

Through a wide array of workshops, special events and on-the-ground service projects, leaders from our affiliate network and participating organizations are helping to change attitudes and behaviors toward the environment by engaging young and old alike.

Community Recycling

Keep America Beautiful strives to motivate more Americans to make informed decisions and take simple everyday actions to clean up, green up, and fix up their local communities through their participation in the Great American Cleanup.
