



Virtual Workshop Minutes

Community Redevelopment Agency

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Art Graham called the virtual workshop meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Art Graham
 Vice-Chairperson: Frances Povloski
 Agency Members: Jeffrey Jones, Samuel Hall, Gary Paetau

Also present were CRA Administrator William Mann, Police Commander Mark Evans, Chris Ambrosio, City Attorney, Public Works Division Director Dennis Barron, Project Engineer Kayle Moore, Brian McKee, and Recording Secretary Chandra Medford

DOWNTOWN CAPE

Commander Evans provided a status update for recent events and information since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated the last vacancy in the Downtown CAPE area is estimated to be filled as by June 1, 2020. He responded to various questions from Agency members related to public nuisances such as noise and vehicular sounds, outdoor restaurant seating enforcement, temporary occupancy levels at establishments in the City and the re-opening of bars.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Downtown CRA Projects Update

Mr. Mann provided status updates for the following private-sector projects located in the Downtown District: *Margaritaville* Hotel located at 715 North 1st Street, *Springhill Suites Hotel* located at 465 1st Street North, a vacant lot located at 221 1st Street North, *Element* Hotel located at 208 Beach Boulevard, and *Dolphin Depot, LLC*. Hotel/Apartments located at 704 North 1st Street.

Mr. Mann provided status updates regarding the pier reconstruction located at 503 1st Street North, maintenance of public properties as it relates to concrete repairs, pressure washing and mulch replacement in the Downtown District and the current and future major infrastructure projects in the South Beach District. Public Works Division Director Dennis Barron provided an update on concrete repair contracts, which was affected by COVID.

Mr. Mann responded to various questions from Agency members including but not limited to: CRA responsibilities, the impact of these private construction projects, Agency budget, the status of the consolidation of the Downtown Plan, the funding of additional Agency personnel, proposed job description and related responsibilities, and the DixHite improvement contract.

b. Jacksonville Drive Multipurpose Path Alternatives – Public Works

Design Consultant Brian McKee, Hanson Professional Services, Inc., provided a brief explanation regarding the existing conditions in the area and optional proposed improvements and realignment impacts as “An Ocean Terrace Drainage Improvements” presentation was displayed on screen, including information such as potential issues, impacts and additional fees related to realignment to accommodate a new concrete path.

Project Engineer Kayle Moore and Mr. McKee answered various questions from Agency members. An extensive discussion of the two proposals ensued and Agency members unanimously voted to recommend the south side path to the City Council for approval.

c. Southend Project Opportunities (carried over from 3-16-20 CRA workshop)

A list provided by Agency member Paetau of remaining/possible improvement projects was displayed on screen for discussion. Chairperson Graham requested that Mr. Mann and Mr. Paetau review and clarify the list of projects together and present a collective list for review before the board at a future meeting.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Chairperson Graham asked the Board if there would be any interest in hiring a consultant to assist with Agency-related matters until the future vacancy is filled. The members indicated they would entertain a proposal for review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Graham adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.
Submitted by: Chandra Medford, Recording Secretary

Approval:



Art Graham, Chairperson

Date: 6/22/2020