

**Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 4, 2024
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
City Commission Conference Room**

Attendance

Board Members: Terry Coney, Chrissanne Long, Katy Martinez, Lynne Simpkins, Jason Ellis, Commissioner LaLonde Jr., Ronald Roberts and Tyler Zimmerman

Absent: Christine Goding

Staff: Valerie Ferrell, Karen Thompson, Shelley Guiseppi, Jonathan Rodriguez and Sandra Fairall

Guests: Assistant Director Jason Willey, James Randolph, LPD/NLO Officer Hammersla, LPD/NLO Officer Sanchez, LPD/NLO Officer Garcia-Ferreiro and Captain Kimball

Packets

- Meeting Minutes dated March 7, 2024
- Financial Update
- Project Progression Report
- Strategic Acquisition – 0 N. Tennessee Ave.

Action Items – Old Business

Financial Update & Project Tracker

Valerie Ferrell provided an update on financials. There has been a small change in the activity report which is giving code names to applicants because they have not applied for incentives yet.

Valerie Ferrell provided dates of upcoming events. The CRA Annual Report presentation will be given at the City Commission meeting on Monday April 15th. The Central Florida Business Expo will be held at the RP Funding center on April 24th and the Municipal Boards Dinner is on Friday May 3rd at Tiger Town.

Chrissanne Long also provide details of the Central Florida Business Expo.

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Chrissanne Long motioned to approve.
Commissioner LaLonde Jr. seconded which passed unanimously.

Housekeeping

Action Items – New Business

Strategic Acquisition – 0 N. Tennessee Ave

Karen Thompson presented the Strategic Acquisition for 0 N. Tennessee Ave. She explained the subject property is currently zoned O-1 which allows for a variety of low impact office uses and is approximately .31 acres. The property is currently vacant and fenced. After negotiating terms both parties agreed to a \$250,000 purchase price. The buyer is to pay title, survey and closing cost with a closing date on or before August 1st, 2024. Staff is requesting authorization to finalize the acquisition contract and present the final contract for execution to the City Commission at the April 15th meeting.

Ronald Roberts asked what the zoning is.

Karen Thompson stated it is zone O-1.

Terry Coney asked what staff's vision is for the property

Karen Thompson advised at this time there is no specific vision at this time.

Discussion ensued.

Guy LaLonde Jr. motioned to approve.

Katy Martinez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Valerie Ferrell presented the 2023 CRA Annual Report. This is the statutory requirement for all CRA's to publish their activity, financial expenses and revenues by March 31st of every year. She went over what is included in the report by explaining the three CRA districts, a brief overview of the financials, projects and partnerships.

Terry Coney questioned the process for a mural.

Valerie Ferrell stated Art Infusion is a CRA incentive which is limited to S. Florida Avenue in the Dixieland and Downtown districts. If a business owner in that area is interested in a mural, they would need to contact the CRA. There is a list of artists that have applied to be a part of this program that is selected by the business owner. The Midtown Mini Murals is a special project that was presented by an artist. The CRA then partnered with Talbot House to place the murals on their property.

Discussion ensued.

Kate Martinez announced her resignation from the Advisory Board as of May 1st.

Terry Coney asked how would a resident report a nuisance issue in their area.

Jonathan Rodriguez stated if it is structure related, they would need to speak to Code Enforcement. Depending on the location they may need to speak to the Housing Authority and if it is criminal, they would need to speak to LPD.

Lynne Simpkins added that there is a collaborative effort between all City departments to address nuisance issues when reported.

Chrissanne Long stated she is excited to continue the partnership with BBIC.

Guy LaLonde Jr. added that he is also excited to continue the BBIC partnership.

Discussion ensued.

Adjourned at 3:43 PM

Next Meeting, Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 3:00 PM.


Terry Coney, Chairman

MAY 16, 2024
Date