



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Town Hall (Council Chamber) - 307 E Kennedy Blvd. 32751

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CALL TO ORDER – Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Quorum was established through roll call by Ms. Nicole Bonds in the absence of the Town Clerk

PRESENT: (5) Chair Angie Gardner, Vice Chair Rodney Daniels, Director Wanda Randolph, Director Ruthie Critton, Director Theo Washington. **STAFF:** (3) Nicole Bonds, **CRA Executive Director**, Greg Jackson, **CRA Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**. **(Not In Attendance:** Director Marlin Daniels, Director Leviticus Henderson, Veronica King, Town Clerk)

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Gardner led the invocation through a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - (The Three-minute rule was strictly enforced)

Shannon Thomas (Tommy Dixon Family Attorney) – Requesting property at 225 W. Kennedy Blvd. previously conveyed to the Town of Eatonville be given back to the family Estate for probate and distribution to the heirs.

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA – Chair Gardner Motions to approve Consent Agenda for approval of 1. TOECRA Meeting Minutes for 2-16-2023, TOECRA Meeting Minutes for 1-19-2023, and TOECRA FY23 Rebate Calculation. (Moved by Director Washington; Second by Director Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

BOARD DISCUSSION

TOECRA Financials for February 2023 – Executive Director solicited for questions pertaining to the documents provided outlining operating expenses and accounts: no questions nor further discussion.

Funding for 2024 Zora Festival – NY Nithiri, Executive Director of the Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, Inc. (P.E.C.) presented through PowerPoint the mission and vision of PEC and offered opportunity for the CRA board to ask questions pertaining to the request resume funding for the 2024 Zora Festival (funded \$25,000 previously) which will be a season event highlighting events in Jan, March, and October. The funding will be leveraging dollars on behalf of the Orange County Tourist Development Tax Grant (cash match grant with attendance thresholds) to be submitted by June 15, 2023. Submitting for the moderate/medium grant category: with 75% cash match (\$80,000), 25% in kind, and 20,000 attendance thresholds. **(Discussion Items)** – 2024 Signature Season, Moderate/Medium threshold requirements, Collaboration (TOE -WCM-HBTSA), Festival Tenure, Anticipated Budget, Economic Development to the town, CRA Past Funding, Profits of the Festival, Impact of not receiving Grant Funding, Penalties of

not meeting the requirements, 2023 Attendance, Annual Report for 3 years (A Request) Previous Voting results for funding by CRA (A Request), Neighborhood Engagement, National Recognition, and Head In Beds,

Neighborhood Stabilization – No Discussion; Presenter was a no show.

BOARD DECISIONS - None

STAFF REPORTS

Nicole Bonds - Executive Director – Annual Report: will be provided at the next meeting Budget Season: solicit initiatives from board members.

Attorney Jackson – Dixon Property – Request direction, the Lien matter on the Chambers, and on the considering other platforms for live broadcasting.

BOARD REPORTS

1. **Director Ruthie Critton** – **No Report**
2. **Director Theo Washington** – **No Report**
3. **Director Wanda Randolph** – Investigation: Responses/Updates were made by legal and Executive Director; Board needs to decide on the special council per Attorney Jackson. Ms. Bonds can reach out to the firm(s) to ask for the RFP; there is language to change in the RFP per Ms. Bonds.
4. **Vice Chair Rodney Daniels** – Dixon Property: Find a way to return property; authorization has already been given to begin the investigation; PEC: Support fair collaboration that benefits both sides of the partnership.
5. **Chair Angie Gardner** – Ring Camera Initiative: Request to extend to a camera system. Initiative: Down Payment Assistance funded possibly through the Affordable Housing Leakage Fee (\$.50 per sq. ft.) and CRA funding; need policies in place for the affordable housing leakage fee on how to distribute the funds. Dixon Property: the laws cover this type of matter; Attorney Shepard would need to be involved. There is nothing this board can say or do without the law/statutes governing the property. .

ADJOURNMENT Chair Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting (Moved by Chair Gardner; Second by Director Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned AT 7:35 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Chair