



MINUTES

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

5:30 PM – Thursday, April 18, 2024 – City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QUORUM AND PROPER NOTICE

PRESENT: Ms. Nan Cobb, Mr. Willie Hawkins, Vice Chair Emily Lee, Mr. Gary Ashcraft and Chairman Michael Holland

ABSENT: Community Representatives Lori Pittsley and Tanya Wilder

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 September 7, 2023 CRA Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Hawkins, Seconded by Vice Chair Lee, to approve the Minutes. The motion passed on the following vote:

Voting Yea: Ms. Cobb, Mr. Hawkins, Vice Chair Lee, Mr. Ashcraft, Chairman Holland

2. CRA ITEM WITH BOARD DISCUSSION, PUBLIC INPUT AND DIRECTION

2.1 Downtown and East Town CRA Annual Report and General Update

Al Latimer, Economic Development Director, presented the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Annual Report which was sent to the State. He provided an update on the housing rehabilitation program with some before and after photos and some before and after photos of sites improved through the Gateway Grant program. He reported on the progress on the UCF Business Incubation Program. He reviewed some of the businesses being revitalized following Covid. He reported there were 23 total Gateway Corridor grants awarded in 2023 totalling \$115,585 for a total improvement to properties in the amount of \$231,170.

Mr. Latimer noted there are a lot of supporting elements for the CRA including community policing. He explained that the CRA pays for one community policing officer. He reported that since the beginning of the CRA the property valuations have risen 293% with an increase in 2023 alone of 39.6%. He stated that with the expansion the CRA district has increased by 81%.

Mr. Latimer commented on the CRA events and how it is enhanced by the events. He then reviewed the CRA budget including income, liabilities, reserves, projects, debt service and development incentives.

3. ADJOURNMENT: 5:41 P.M.

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CHRISTINE HALLORAN, City Clerk

MICHAEL L. HOLLAND, Chairman