

The Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met on November 9, 2021 beginning at 5:30 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055. The meeting was also held via Communications Media Technology.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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| | Dennille Decker |
| | Lee Ann Hires – Absent |
| | Lester McKellum |
| | Janet Moses |
| | Melinda Moses |
| | Gloria Spivey |
| Mayor/Council Member | Stephen M. Witt |
| Chairman/City Council Member | Eugene Jefferson |
| Interim City Manager | Michael Williams |
| City Attorney | Frederick Koberlein – Absent |
| City Clerk/Committee Secretary | Audrey Sikes |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jefferson asked to add the update of Sally Mae Jerry Park as Item #5. **Mayor Witt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Moses seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 12, 2021

Mayor Witt made a motion to approve the October 12, 2021 minutes as presented. Ms. Spivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

UPDATES, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Wilson Park Update (Interim City Manager Mike Williams)

Mr. Williams reported having received the \$750,000.00 Community Development Block Grant. He reported it was executed and returned to the state. The bid for project management was awarded to Fred Fox Enterprises. The project will include improvements to the amphitheater, fountain, landscaping and a decorative fence.

3. Welcome to Lake City Signs Update (Distribution and Collection Director Brian Scott)

Mr. Scott reported he met with the Pastor of the church located on Fronie and Marion about installing the sign on their property. Mr. Scott is still working out the details.

Ms. Moses distributed a handout and went over her ideas regarding signage for the City parks. She reported not all parks were in the Community Redevelopment Agency's district and some may have to be funded through the general fund.

Mr. Scott stated that former Interim City Manager Ami Fields instructed him to move the Welcome Sign to church property. He stated he would need to coordinate with the Department of Transportation on the details in order to place the signage at City Limit areas. He reported he would get with Interim City Manager Michael Williams and report back at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden stated he remembered a discussion about relocating the sign further down North Marion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren stated he had to file a code violation to get issues addressed for Sallie Mae Jerry Park. He spoke in support of moving the Historic District sign.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Holmgren spoke in opposition to any new signs and any neon or LED signs.

4. Downtown Beautification Progress (Interim City Manager Mike Williams)

Mr. Williams reported everything for the Downtown Beautification Project was on hold, except for decorating for Christmas. He stated the beginning balance for the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee was \$255,990.00 for the month, with \$200,000 to the Greater Lake City Community Development Corporation for a housing project.

5. Update to Sallie Mae Jerry Park (Distribution and Collection Director Brian Scott)

Mr. Scott reported decorations are being placed and the privacy fence would be installed the following week, at which point the park would be open.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden expressed concern with parking area and suggested having a grand opening.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren spoke on Council approving a welcome sign at the park, and made a public records request for the audio of that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Holmgren spoke in opposition of a billboard type sign.

FUTURE TOPICS

Mr. Jefferson reminded the Committee to forward any future topics to the Clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk