

The Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met on August 10, 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 – Chairman Jefferson called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Witt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Melinda Moses seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

MINUTES

1. June 8, 2021

Ms. Melinda Moses made a motion to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes as presented. Mayor Witt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Update - Wilson Park

Interim City Manager Ami Mitchell Fields provided an update on Wilson Park. She reported the City was approved for a grant but we haven't received any funds yet. Ms. Fields stated there is no definite date, and the City will have to develop an overall plan.

Ms. Moses stated she wanted to make sure the plan is firm on the bandshell and fountain. She requested to see the one-page grant document that identified what the grant was to be used for. Ms. Moses stated the grant was for \$750,000 for Wilson Park

for the Bandshell and Fountain, with any leftover money being used for affordable housing for x amount of years.

Ms. Moses also asked for an update on the skate park at Memorial Stadium. Ms. Fields responded she would get with Mr. Sampson as to where he wanted the skate park, and to get more details.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion and Possible Action - Downtown Beautification Project

At the August 2, 2021 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Meeting, the CRA made a motion to approve \$120,000 in CRA funds to be used for the Downtown Beautification Project.

Tina Roberts discussed the Downtown Beautification Project. She suggested the creation of a gate to gate sub-committee.

Ms. Fields stated it would be impossible to complete this project for \$120,000 as removal of the trees alone would cost \$200,000.

Ms. Spivey suggested forming a committee to further investigate and help Mrs. Roberts.

Distribution and Collection Director Brian Scott elaborated on what is needed to remove the trees.

Mr. Mckellum stated in 2018 the City awarded \$200,000 to the Community Development Corporation for the Sweetwater Development Project. He reported he is about ninety (90) days out from requesting funds from the City.

Mr. Koberlein stated the Community Redevelopment Agency passed an action which would require the CRA administrator to apply (for tree removal) to Growth Management Director Dave Young for review. Mr. Young would review, approve or deny the request. If approved, there will be procurement issues due to the cost estimates. If denied, there would be an avenue for appeal with the City Council. Mr. Koberlein recommends for the CRA Administrator to put the Downtown Beautification Project back on the CRA agenda for consideration due to budgetary constraints.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tina Roberts inquired about the resistance relating to the project.

Brian Scott elaborated on what is needed for taking down the trees and reported there are water lines, electrical lines and old panel boxes that would need to be taken into consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren stated CRA funds should be equally dispersed in all districts. He suggested a uniformly project for the entire area, from 100 to Baya.

4. Discussion and Possible Action - Committee Members (Gloria Spivey)

Ms. Spivey stated there were several people on the email distribution list for the meeting that needed to be removed. Ms. Sikes will review and clean up the distribution list.

FUTURE TOPICS

Brian Scott provided an update on the sign for Sally Mae Jerry Park. He reported bids are being sought and he is working with the Department of Transportation to relocate a pole to gain better visibility of the sign. Mr. Scott stated he is also looking at two-sided signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren reported he spoke with Leroy Murray about moving the City of Lake City Welcome sign to the corner of Fronie and Marion, and Mr. Murray agreed.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Chairman Jefferson stated the board members would be notified of the next meeting, which would be September 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk
Committee Secretary