



**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING**  
**CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY**  
**NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA**  
**April 23, 2019**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**MINUTES**

**ORDER OF**  
**BUSINESS**

1 Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob Marlowe at 6:30 pm. Those in attendance were, Director Jeff Starkey, Director Chopper Davis, Director Peter Altman and Director Matt Murphy.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Mario Iezzoni, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Parks and Recreation Director Elaine Smith, Development Director George Romagnoli, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

2 Approval of April 2, 2019 CRA Meeting Minutes - Page 2

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

3 Resolution No. 2019-07: 2019 CRA Update and Sunset Provision Extension - Page 7

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Chairman Marlowe returned the floor to Board. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

4 CRA Land Sale of a Parcel of Land on Rio Drive - Page 186

Executive Director Manns introduced the item to the Board. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the sale of a .15 acre section of CRA land, located on Rio Drive to Gary L.

Blackwell Investments, Inc. for the purpose of developing a vacant lot. The land was donated to the City from the County. Development Director George Romagnoli stated a Request for Proposals was let looking for a single family home development. The selling price for the property is \$15,000 but will be returned to the owner once homestead is gained. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Chairman Marlowe returned the floor to the Board. Director Davis asked about the size of the lot and Mr. Romagnoli stated it was approximately 50x70. Director Altman asked if this was a recorded asset and Mr. Romagnoli stated yes. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Jeff Starkey and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Starkey

5 Communications

Chairman Marlowe asked Mr. Iezzoni if Main Street Landings was still on to open in June/July and Mr. Iezzoni stated Mr. McGurn has had some punch list items but it is progressing towards an end point but no date has been solidified. Chairman Marlowe stated it is his opinion that once it actually opens that everything between River Road and US 19 will come into play. Mr. Iezzoni stated that is an area of focus for economic development.

Director Starkey stated he was looking forward to conducting a work session with the new theatre board. He spoke with the City Attorney and asked if the City wanted to purchase the theatre would that qualify and City Attorney Driscoll stated yes. He stated he would like to discuss this further in the future. Chairman Marlowe stated there are all kinds of opportunities for the theatre to be utilized more.

Director Davis stated he has numerous discussions about the theatre property and what can be done there.

Director Altman stated there was a discussion at the last work session about priorities for the CRA and assembly is one of the most difficult things. He believes one goal should be to look at the boat ramp property and look for a private partner that matches our energy and see what can be done with the property.

Director Murphy stated he agrees that there is a lot of untapped potential with the theatre.

6 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_