



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
May 4, 2021
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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 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Director Altman, Director Murphy and Director Peters. Director Chopper Davis arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Debbie Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Economic Development Director Charles Rudd, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed, Police Chief Kim Bogart and Assistant City Manager Rodd Hale.

2 Approval of April 6, 2021 CRA Meeting Minutes - Page 2

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Mike Peters. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters Absent: Davis

3 2020 CRA Annual Report Presentation - Page 6

Executive Director Manns introduced the item to the Board. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to present the Annual Report for 2020. She then introduced Economic Development Director Charles Rudd who then presented the item to the Board. Mr. Rudd began his presentation by stating that it was a great year for the CRA. The major highlights were the continued work on the Hacienda, CO's were issued for Main Street Landing and The Central and several new businesses opened. The Master Plan process also began. Widow Fletchers opened. The branding and marketing plan was completed. The overall area of the CRA was reduced. Mr. Rudd then highlighted projects that were budgeted and the actual amount invested in each. Social media sites and website were launched in addition to printed materials. Director Altman stated the negative fund balance is due to the size of the loan. There are assets that are now producing. He stated that the General Fund is getting a good amount back.

4 Marine Parkway/US19 Pedestrian Bridge - Page 29

Executive Director Manns introduced the item to the Board. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to seek direction from the Board regarding the proposed pedestrian bridge at US Highway 19 and Marine Parkway in regards to feasibility and design. Executive Director Manns stated we learned from FDOT that our cost projections were off. Their estimate is that our cost may be between \$9-\$10m. She stated that a feasibility study needs to be completed so estimated costs may be identified. She asked Mr. Hale about what FDOT stated regarding grant funds and Mr. Hale explained what the County actually stated instead of FDOT. Executive Director Manns stated that the other component that has significantly changed is the east side location from the north side of Marine Parkway to the south side. The south side is in need of redevelopment. Director Altman stated the cost estimates were provided by FDOT on September 14, 2020. He stated he would suggest having a design ready. He would like to see a Master Plan concept. Director Murphy stated we have to do our due diligence in order to be recognized. He stated talking to the MPO members and FDOT some projects fall through and monies become available. Director Davis who are we doing this for. He suggested moving forward with the feasibility study. Director Altman stated it is a combination of transportation and recreation and we are doing it for the downtown businesses. Director Davis stated we need to take it to the level of golf carts. Mr. Hale stated grants can only be used for bicycles and pedestrians. Director Peters stated he is a biker and has used our trail. He is ok with the feasibility study but not with the cost. He appreciates the coast-to-coast thing. Chairman Marlowe stated he has done the coast-to-coast ride. He stated he has concerns about the cost as well. The City may be on the hook for \$5m. He stated if we could get FDOT to recognize reality and fix that intersection so everyone can cross safely the bridge would be a moot point. FDOT has a responsibility as it is a state highway. Director Peters asked if there was any pedestrian studies done. Mr. Rivera stated he would look into seeing if a pedestrian count can be done. Director Altman stated he was not sure what was pushing the negativity. He stated there is a lot of excitement about recreational tourism. He would like the feasibility study to include Pinellas County. He has been a champion of this project for the last six years. Chairman Marlowe asked if it was possible to get some traffic studies done on pedestrian and golf cart crossings at Main Street and Marine Parkway. Executive Director Manns stated staff will investigate to see if it is possible.

5 Adjournment

Director Atlman talked about the tram that is located in Stuart that were funded with FDOT grants. Chairman Marlowe stated he discussed LSV's with the City Attorney. 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: _____