



ALACHUA CRA

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2019

Chair Rudy Rothseiden
Vice - Chair Bryan Boukari
Member Marvin Bingham, Jr.
Member Kelly Harris
Member Rick Robertson

Executive Director Adam Boukari

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting 3:00 PM

Meeting Date: March 18, 2019

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

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CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rudy Rothseiden called the meeting to order. Member Kelly Harris was not present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Bryan Boukari moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Rick Robertson.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the February 11, 2019 CRAAB Meeting

Member Robertson moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Member Marvin Bingham, Jr.

Passed by unanimous consent.

- B. CRA Activities Staff Update

CRA Coordinator Chelsea Bakaitis presented the Staff Report.

Vice Chair Boukari inquired about businesses listed on the walking guide.

Chair Rothseiden inquired about the online walking guide.

Member Robertson noted that the bold business names on the map are more legible than the previous draft.

Chair Rothseiden inquired about the type of paper that would be used for the walking guide. He also stated that he would like businesses on SR235 to be included on the map.

Member Bingham discussed the redevelopment mission of the CRA.

Vice Chair Boukari suggested directing readers to the online map and to have a permanent map sign at the Chamber building with more details about district businesses.

Member Robertson discussed map content.

Chair Rothseiden spoke in favor of directing readers of the printed map to the online map.

Member Robertson asked what action or motions the CRA took at their March 11, 2019 meeting in reference to changes to the buildings within the CRA area.

CRA Coordinator Bakaitis responded.

Chair Rothseiden discussed potential expansion of the Historic Overlay District.

Member Robertson suggested installing an electronic vehicle charging station in the proposed downtown parking lot.

Chair Rothseiden suggested a solar power electronic vehicle parking station in the proposed lot. He also suggested a mural be painted on the walls along the sidewalk.

Vice Chair Boukari discussed the potential for murals to become dated over time and the cost involved in commissioning a mural. He also discussed the boundary of the existing historic overlay district and the potential for creating design standards for the district.

Chair Rothseiden discussed Certificate of Appropriateness requirements and the potential for developing design standards for the district.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Member Boukari asked if the CRA was using a grant consultant to seek funding for the proposed downtown parking lot.

Chair Rothseiden commented about the speed of traffic and potential traffic modifications on NW 142nd Terrace. He inquired about CRA projects located outside of Main Street and also discussed solar opportunities for businesses within the CRA.

Member Robertson suggested the trees around the billboards on I-75 be trimmed.

CRA Coordinator Bakaitis responded.

Vice Chair Boukari spoke about the feasibility of sidewalks on NW 142nd Terrace, and suggested the Advisory Board members review and prioritize projects throughout the district during the budgeting process for next year.

Chair Rothseiden inquired about landscaping maintenance of shrubs along NW 142nd Terrace and spring landscape maintenance activities.

CRA Coordinator Bakaitis responded.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Boukari moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Robertson.

Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

CRA ADVISORY BOARD
OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

CRA Advisory Board Chair

Staff Liaison