

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
April 23, 2018

The meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Vice Chairman Pete Weldon at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

Members present:

Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper
Commissioner Pete Weldon
Orange County Rep. Hal George
Commissioner Greg Seidel (by phone at 2:30)

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
City Clerk Cynthia Bonham
Planning Director Dori Stone
Assistant Planning Director Kyle Dudgeon

Members Absent

Chairman Steve Leary

Approval of November 13, 2017 work session and regular meeting minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Sprinkel to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. George and carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Park Place Garage Improvements

Assistant Planning Director Kyle Dudgeon explained that they have been working on this and that it has the potential of investing in sensor based technology for the top two floors of the Park Place Garage located at the corner of Canton and Park Avenues. He addressed the benefits and that the City's IT staff has developed a concept in the City Hall parking lot for troubleshooting purposes and are prepared to move forward with a pilot using their own resources. He also spoke about the 2006 agreement with the Morse Genius Foundation regarding the garage and that they have agreed to the project. He stated if approved the estimated timeframe for installation is three to six months.

Mr. Dudgeon answered questions regarding the benefit to the public of knowing how many spaces are available for use without traveling to the top two floors, the signs to be displayed indicating spaces available and the benefits of building a system in-house.

Commissioner Sprinkel commented she did not believe this will help the City's parking issue but will approve it to see what happens.

Motion made by Commissioner Sprinkel to approve \$30,000 for the improvements as requested (and to report back to them as they make progress); seconded by Vice Mayor Weldon.

Mary Daniels, 650 Canton Avenue, asked if the parking spaces will be labeled so you know which ones are available and asked where the lights would go. City Manager Knight explained the lights that would indicate if there are spaces available but would not tell you which exact ones were vacant.

IT Director Parsram Rajaram clarified other questions of the CRA Agency. Mr. Dudgeon explained that the funds are in the CRA Enhancement line item already in the budget.

The motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Seidel joined by phone at this time.

Golf Course Parking Enhancements

Assistant Planning Director Kyle Dudgeon explained the funds are coming out of the CRA Enhancement Fund. He addressed the proposed enhancements to include additional parking spaces, landscape shielding between the golf course and adjacent residential area, bricking, and a moonlight garden concept. He spoke about the additional 27 parking spaces that will be available after restriping of the lot and added brick improvements.

Public Works Director Troy Attaway explained the bricking, and the camphor trees and one distressed oak tree being removed from the south end of the existing parking lot. He addressed the placement of the sidewalk. Assistant City Manager Neuner explained the number of trees to be removed and replaced. Questions were asked by the Agency and clarified by staff. A detailed landscape plan will be provided to the CRA Agency.

Motion made by Commissioner Sprinkel to approve \$35,000 from the CRA Enhancement Fund; seconded by Vice Chairman Weldon. There were no public comments made. **The motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.**

Winter In The Park 2017

Assistant Planning Director Kyle Dudgeon provided statistics from the 2017 'Winter in the Park' ice skating rink. He stated this was the 9th year. The report outlined experience, marketing, financials, economic impact, and overall considerations for discussion. He elaborated on the budget and the expenses of the rink every year and the reduction in attendance. Planning Director Dori Stone asked for feedback from the Agency whether they want to continue with the ice rink or to consider other options moving forward. She stated they will discuss it at a future CRA Agency meeting again to be part of the CRA budget brought forward.

Commissioner Sprinkel spoke about the reduction in attendance and suggested to try other alternatives. Mr. George commented that the advisory board could look at alternatives and see if the current ice rink experience can be enhanced.

Commissioner Seidel wanted to see how the younger generation feels about the ice rink. Vice Chairman Weldon commented that they need to hear from the Chamber of Commerce and the Park Avenue Area Association to see if this benefits the businesses. He also endorsed further exploration of alternatives. It was determined that a final decision should be made during the budget process sometime in July when it is provided to the CRA Agency. Commissioner Cooper wanted to ask the residents what they wanted to see happen.

Vice Mayor Weldon concluded that they are all endorsing staff, the CRA Advisory Board, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Park Avenue Area Association to be aware that they are assessing this and looking for alternatives and better uses of our resources.

There were no public comments made.

Other questions

Commissioner Cooper asked about budget considerations (when they were talking about the library and value engineering that was transferred out of that budget to be incorporated into another budget). She asked if they should be looking at the CRA budget to pick up the off-site improvements to the MLK Park area. City Manager stated they will be coming back with suggestions as to how to cover those costs.

She stated she has been receiving public input about the license plate readers and asked to be brought up to speed. Mr. Dudgeon explained they are working with a vendor that minimizes the subscription fee costs, and have the budget in place and are working through the last quote with hopes to initialize that in the next 30-45 days.

Commissioner Cooper asked if they want to include a discussion about a trolley in the downtown area on an agenda. There was not a consensus at this time. She asked if there is interest in reconsidering the enforcement officer or parking management person. Vice Chairman Weldon stated he will reconsider that when they have a license plate reader program underway with data and measured results.

Assistant Planning Director Kyle Dudgeon stated they want to bring forward the first phase of a bollard pilot program at a future meeting.

The CRA Agency meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.


Chairman Steve Leary

ATTEST:


City Clerk Cynthia S. Bonham