

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting
5:30 pm**

**February 20, 2014
Commission Chambers**

MINUTES

Chairman, Hal George, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hal George, Daniel Butts, John Dowd, Susan Lawrence, Alan Thompson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Terranova, and Paul St. Pierre

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dori Stone, David Buchheit, Lisa Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by John Dowd, seconded by Susan Lawrence, approving the January 30, 2014 minutes. Daniel Butts abstained. Motion approved 4-0.

Item A Baseball:

City Manager Randy Knight explained that at the January 13th Commission meeting staff was granted a 45 day period to review and evaluate the potential of bringing a minor league baseball stadium and its operation in the City. Mr. Knight said that the cost of stadium construction is somewhere in the \$15 to \$22 million dollar range. Land acquisition, if needed, would be an additional cost. He reviewed four potential sites (Martin Luther King Jr. Park, Ravaudage, the UP Development/Votech area, and the former City tree farm) alternatives and the pros/cons of each potential site (site location, configuration, and parking). Mr. Knight solicited Board member input and concerns with regard to each site.

Mayor Bradley stated that he is excited about the project. He said that studying this project has allowed the City to look creatively within the community and dialog about how certain parts of the City are developed. He talked about the economic benefits of the proposed project. He thanked the members of the Advisory Board for their input and service. He responded to Board member questions and concerns.

P&CD Director Dori Stone thanked the Board members for volunteering their time in judging the holiday window contest. She said that the City's CRA was the first CRA to be featured in a Super Bowl Commercial. She stated that staff is moving forward on the strategic plan and also that the City is going forward with the plan to move staff and demolish the City's Public Works building in order to surface parking with 75 new spaces. They briefly discussed how to encourage SunRail ridership in order to alleviate some of the parking issues in the downtown area.

David Buchheit provided an update on the numbers for the ice rink. He happily reported that the rink made a profit and also had increased attendance over the previous years.

The Chairman opened up the meeting to receive public comments. There were none. Public comment portion closed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson, Hal George

CRA Coordinator/Board Liaison, Laura Neudorffer