



Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Minutes

February 28, 2019 at 12:00 pm

City Hall Chapman Room
401 S. Park Ave. | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Alex Trauger, Mike Emerson, Woody Woodall, Teri Gagliano and Lambrine Macejewski

Absent

Javier Omana, Jeff Stephens

Meeting called to order

Vice-Chairman Alex Trauger called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm

Approval of minutes

Motion made by Mike Emerson, seconded by Teri Gagliano, to approve the December 16, 2018 minutes.

Administrative Items:

Item A: CRA Annual Report Photo

A photo was taken in Commission Chambers for the Annual Report. Those who were not present for the photos were:

BOARD: Jeff Stephens, Javier Omana

STAFF: Lindsey Hayes, Mike Stiff

Action Items:

Item A: MLK parking improvements

Staff provided the Board with an overview cost associated with completing the parking improvements. Staff also referenced the Mt. Moriah parking lease agreement, the financial costs associated, and Staff's request for support and approval to move forward with the MLK parking improvements. Public Works Director, Troy Attaway, provided insight from a Public Works point of view stating it would be a great way to add an estimated sixty spaces with very little impact on surrounding areas. There is a partnership with the owner of the Verax site (former bowling alley) to share the easement for parking purposes. When considering the proposed amount needed to finance the project the board concluded it was valuable to consider the cost and the positive impact on the area. Board expressed the need for additional parking in the downtown and inquired as to the demand for parking in the MLK park area. Public Works staff stated the sports fields are heavily used so the demand is definitely there; especially on weekends, and added that the proposed area is very accessible.

Nancy Shutts, 2010 Brandywine Drive, expressed concern that the plan did not include providing a sidewalk to access the new library event center and asked if there was a way to include a safer pedestrian option. Public Works stated there is a sidewalk from Harper and the only other option would be to install a sidewalk through the fields but need approval from the Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion made by Teri Gagliano, seconded by Mike Emerson, to approve staff's recommendation for the parking improvements. Motion passes 5-0.

Item B: Opticom System

Staff provided an update of the opticom system and how it meets existing conditions. From a timing perspective Staff wanted to be sure to consider how it effects the City as a whole, and from a technology standpoint the opticom systems are GPS coordinated so the equipment is not only at the intersections but on city vehicles as well which assists with emergency response times and better traffic flow. Deputy Fire Chief, Ryan Fischer confirmed the system will assist with their response times by creating algorithms that provide clearance along the roadways creating an open line of travel.

Motion made by Lambrine Macejiewski, seconded by Teri Gagliano, to approve the Opticom system. Motion passes 5-0.

Informational Items:

Item A: CRA Project Updates

Staff provided updates on current CRA projects:

- Parking Sensor installation - they have been installed on the fourth floor of the parking garage and invited Board members to visit the garage and provide feedback. Data is being collected and integrity testing is being done to ensure any issues that may arise can be tended to as they are recognized.
- Bollard Pilot Program - staff was successful installing the sleeves on the bollards placed at the Farmer's Market and they look great. They are being used during Farmer's Market Saturdays to enhance the aesthetics and safety of the area. There is also a drafted phasing program to extend the Bollard Program in other areas of the City to assist with traffic control and pedestrian safety during events and street closures.
- Snow in the Park - attendance was a success at an estimated 5,000 visitors. This was especially rewarding considering the event had to be postponed and experienced rain throughout the duration of the event. Board requested the Teen Chef Program be covered in the annual report. Staff assured the program will be in the report.
- CRA infographic- it is in process now and staff hopes to use it as a marketing piece and display what Winter Park has to offer. OMB Director, Peter Moore, spoke on the goal of the tax base within the CRA. The CRA is currently growing at about a one-half percent higher than the non-CRA.
- Moonlight Garden - the completed project has been very well received and has received positive feedback from residents, visitors, and fellow City of Winter Park departments.

Item B: CBD enhancement scope

Staff reported that improvements are being considered for outlying areas as well as the Park Ave. area. Some of the enhancements will include updated trash receptacles and dumpsters, updated light poles and banner poles, new street furniture, and Central Park improvements. Board voiced concern pertaining to the dumpster at the end of Center Street stating that the area needs to be steam cleaned. References were made to Wurth Ave. in Palm Beach as an example of what Center St. should look like. Staff informed the Board that some of the smaller items will be taken care of as soon as possible and will not have to wait until the larger CIP is approved. Some of those items are the smaller receptacles being maintained, light poles being painted, etc. Board inquired about the tree grate installations and Staff updated the Board that the Tree Grate project is a separate item from the CBD enhancement scope because it is already in the works and does not require additional discussion or approval.

Item C: 341 N. Pennsylvania Ave. easement

Staff wanted to provide an FYI update from the City Commission meeting pertaining to the above-referenced property to keep the Board members in the loop and will provide additional information as it comes available.

New Business Items:

Nancy Shutts, 2010 Brandywine Drive, asked for clarification on how funds are allocated for projects. OMB Director, Peter Moore, provided clarification and she stated it may be beneficial to hold a public meeting to gather input on what projects should be considered as well as inform residents on what Staff is currently considering. Two of her concerns are parking and public restrooms in the downtown area

Adjournment:

Next meeting scheduled for March 28,2019 at 12:00 pm

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm

Chairman, Javier Omana.

Board Liaison, Laura Neudorffer.