Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Minutes

September 26, 2019 at 12:00 pm.
Chapman Room
401 S. Park Ave. | Winter Park, Florida

Present
Board Members: Javier Omana, Woody Woodall, Lambrine Macejewski, John Caron
Staff Members: Kyle Dudgeon, Laura Halsey, Lindsey Hayes, Peter Moore, Commissioner Weaver, and Commissioner Cooper

Absent
Jeff Stephens, Mike Emerson, Teri Gagliano

Meeting called to order
Chairman Javier Omana called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Approval of minutes
Motion made by John Caron, seconded by Lambrine Macejewski, to approve the August 22, 2019 minutes. Motion passes 4-0.

New Business Items

1. CRA Residential Electric Service Lines
Staff provided staff with an overview of the project highlights and additional details that were not available prior. There are two maps in the agenda packet for reference. The majority of the projects are classified under G and K. F was completed. Portions of U and X are part of that as well. Electric Utility was unable to attend the meeting today. Project G is in progress, which is inside the CRA. As a part of this project, there is an opportunity to underground the primary service lines. The program has been in progress for about five years. The map identifies all properties as residential. Those are then, divided into homesteaded and non-homesteaded properties. They are also color-coded to identify if they were currently overhead existing or existing underground. Considering all the data available, is this program within the purview of the CRA?

Staff asked the Board where this project should fall on the priority list. Staff provided a balanced budget so there isn’t currently an overage to allocate to the project. Board requested information on how the list of properties needing this service are being prioritized. Board also inquired about the viability of creating an ordinance that requires homeowners to underground. If they elect to have undergrounding completed while electric is in the area than they would receive a discounted cost of $1,000.00 but, if they elect to have it completed at another time when electric is not in the area then the cost would be $3000.00. The amount can be assessed to the property and can be allocated over up to a 4-year period in their utility bills to help ease any financial burden the project may cause.
2. CRAAB Calendar

Assistant Division Director, Kyle Dudgeon, confirmed the October 24, 2019 meeting date and informed the Board that the Winter Park CRA was selected to receive an award for the Denning Drive Complete Street Project and will be accepting the award at the 2019 Florida Redevelopment Academy Conference. The November and December meetings will be combined into one meeting and staff suggested December 12, 2019.

Public Comment

Commissioner Cooper stated this is an exciting time for the CRA and is pleased that there are funds available for all the projects over the next seven to eight years. She also pointed out a couple of large-scale projects that are not CRA eligible which are the old library site and the relocation of City Hall. Two large items for the City Commission are parking and land acquisition and she feels there is a political will to get those funds allocated.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting scheduled for October 24, 2019 at 12:00 pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.

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Chairperson, Javier Omana     Board Liaison, Laura Halsey