



Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Minutes

October 24, 2019 at 12:00 pm.

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

Present

Board Members: Woody Woodall, Teri Gagliano, Mike Emerson, Lambrine Macejewski

Staff Members: Kyle Dudgeon, Laura Halsey, Lindsey Hayes

Public: Commissioner Cooper, Marty Sullivan, Ann Moody

Absent

Javier Omana, John Caron

Meeting called to order

Vice-Chair, Woody Woodall called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Approval of minutes

Motion made by Teri Gagliano, seconded by Mike Emerson, to approve the October 24, 2019 minutes. Motion passes 4-0.

New Business Items

1. Discussion on Post Office Property

Staff opened the discussion with a brief update and turned the conversation over to Commissioner Cooper. Commissioner Cooper provided the board with a powerpoint presentation outlining the history of the post office acquisition discussions. She discussed opportunities the acquisition of this property could provide along with how it relates to the Central Park Master Plan from 2002. The Visioning process also spoke to the expansion of green space and the daily connectivity to nature. Board questioned the interest in redeveloping New York Ave., Commissioner Cooper stated it could be to build a tax base and or make the area more aesthetically pleasing. Staff reminded everyone in attendance that New York Ave is slated to begin soon with the goal to enhance the area. Board stated Park Ave is fully developed and does not need any additional competition. Board also saw conflict in the presentation - expansion of central park vs encourage redevelopment. Commissioner clarified that with the expansion of Central Park would come the redevelopment of properties along New York Ave., where the Kwik Mart and Laundromat were formerly located. Board would like to see enhancement along Center Street rather than New York Ave. Commissioner Cooper suggested the Board and Staff google “transit authority” articles for reference material. Board pointed out that trying to acquire a property that is not for sale can pose problems such as overpaying for the property. Detailed discussion continued until 1:30 pm.

Motion made by Woody Woodall, seconded by Mike Emerson, to move forward with the post office acquisition inquiry but that more detailed information is required before making a final decision. Motion passes 4-0.

2. Downtown Enhancements Project

Staff informed Board that the parking sensors are being installed in the next couple of weeks.

Park Avenue clean-up is moving along, staff has a contractor coming in to clean and paint some of the items including trash cans and light posts.

Board members commented on the recent tree grate installations looking great. Board inquired why none were being installed in the 300 block of Park Avenue.

3. Programming Update

Staff gave a brief update to Board regarding the update to the CRA bill, which requires the CRA to adhere to the City's Procurement Policy including Home Renovation Grants, which will now require three written quotes instead of two.

Public Comment

Marty Sullivan, 901 Georgia Ave, spoke on the success of the purchase of the electric company twenty years ago and feels the purchase of the post office property would be another success. He mentioned the alternatives that could take place on the property should the City choose not to purchase it.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion made by Woody Woodall, seconded by Mike Emerson, to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.

Chairperson, Javier Omana

Board Liaison, Laura Halsey