



Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Minutes

December 12, 2019 at 12:00 pm.

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

Present

Board Members: Javier Omana, Teri Gagliano, Mike Emerson, Lambrine Macejewski

Staff Members: Peter Moore, Kyle Dudgeon, Laura Halsey, Lindsey Hayes

Commissioner Weaver

Absent

John Caron, Woody Woodall

Meeting called to order

Chairman, Javier Omana called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Approval of minutes

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

New Business Items

1. Project Update

CRA Assistant Director, Kyle Dudgeon, provided the Board with an update on the current projects using a power-point presentation to provide visuals. The New York Avenue project is scheduled to begin in first quarter 2020 and will include mast arms, bump outs, and improved lighting. The Parking Sensors project is now in place. Fifty-seven parking sensors were installed in the Park Place garage and staff is collaborating with the Morse Genius Foundation on new signage. Downtown enhancements are underway with new magnetic latches for the trash receptacles and lighting updates. Winter on the Avenue had a fantastic turnout and the photograph helps provide a visual for the enhancement of the Central Park Stage area. Snow in the Park was very well-attended with an estimated 3,000 attendees.

2. Capital Improvements Discussion

Staff revisited the prior conversation and provided Board members with a Capital Improvement spreadsheet. Successful capital improvements include the Community Center, Denning Drive, and the upcoming 17-92 enhancements. Capital improvement discussions should provide purpose, process, the timing of projects, total number of meetings, total number of items being used, and XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. Current Capital Improvement projects include 17-92 streetscape, MLK Parking and Landscaping, Denning/Fairbanks Improvements, Harper

Street Parking, Stormwater Master Plan, MLK Regional Stormwater, Downtown Enhancements, West Comstock Parking, Parking Strategies, and additional funding for Affordable Housing.

3. 2020 CRA AB Meeting Schedule

Staff provided the 2020 meeting schedule and will send Outlook calendar invitations to each member as well.

Chairman Omana opened up the discussion to introduce the intersection of Denning Drive and Orange Avenue as he feels it has potential to be disastrous especially Northbound on Orange Avenue. He would like the Board to consider revisiting the intersection for improvements. Discussion ensued on how best to improve the intersection with installing a roundabout was one of the suggestions. Commissioner Weaver informed the Board and Staff that discussion for a roundabout is already underway at the Orange Avenue meetings. The Board agreed they would like to pursue the roundabout option. Chairman Omana thanked staff for installing the crosswalk at Virginia Avenue and Morse Boulevard. He also suggested adding parallel parking along the Morse Boulevard from 17-92 to Central Park, create turn lanes, and make the roadway two-lanes. He believes it is a better entrance to downtown Winter Park than the current roadway. The Board also expressed a heavy interest in creating walkability from downtown to Hannibal Square. Board Member, Mike Emerson, mentioned the rental scooter program in Orlando and inquired if there have been talks pertaining to where to park the scooters, etcetera when they come to Winter Park. Board also inquired about the 1% tax and staff informed the Board that Orlando Mayor Demmings is currently working on building support for the increase. SunRail and Lynx would be the largest receivers of the increased funds with municipalities also receiving a portion.

Office of Budget and Performance Director, Peter Moore, inquired if the Board had recommendations for allocating funding. Responses included the Post Office property and prompted the request to create a line item for XXXX. Board members also agreed public restrooms are a much-needed amenity that Winter Park should offer with the best-suited area being the train station. Board also reminded staff to amend the ordinance to include public restrooms without requiring public referendum.

Board members also expressed an interest in adding uplighting to the area trees as they are already equipped with outlets. Park Avenue is not equipped with the outlets so it would be much more of an undertaking than New England Avenue.

Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting scheduled for January 23, 2020 at 12:00 pm. Staff requested a special meeting for January 9, 2020. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Chairperson, Javier Omana

Board Liaison, Laura Halsey