



Community Redevelopment Advisory Board Minutes

August 27, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

Virtual Meeting

Present

Board Members: John Caron, Linda Washington, Carol Rosenfelt, Sarah Grafton, Lambrine Macejewski, Christine Girand

Staff Members: Peter Moore, Kyle Dudgeon

Absent

Teri Gagiano

Meeting called to order

Staff called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Opening Comments

1. Introductions

Staff provided introductory comments. Staff and the board introduced themselves and provided background on their expertise.

2. Board Chair

Staff stated they are currently seeking a chair for the board to assist with meeting protocol. The board nominated Lambrine Macejewski as board chair. **Motion made by John Caron. Seconded by Linda Washington to make Lambrine Macejewski CRA Advisory Board Chair. Motion passed 6-0.**

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by John Caron, seconded by Christine Girand, to approve the February 27, 2020 minutes. Motion passes 6-0.

New Business Items

1. Discussion of CRA Agency meeting on 8/12/20

CRA Assistant Director, Kyle Dudgeon, began the conversation with a brief overview and a PowerPoint presentation covering the outcomes of the August 12 CRA Agency meeting. Mr. Dudgeon stated the Agency approved the FY20-21 budget at that meeting. He clarified revenue projections, expenses, and capital projects. He also stated that the purpose of the capital improvement plan was to provide a path moving forward, but the CRA did have opportunities flexibility should there be changes in projections, costs, priority or economic climate. Board discussion focused on timing of capital projects and costs.

2. Capital Projects/Programs Overview & Tentative Schedule

Assistant Division Director, Kyle Dudgeon provided the board with an update on existing projects and highlighted topics for board discussions at future meetings. He commented on the support the CRA has provided since the beginning of COVID including residential support, the small business utility assistance grant, curbside to go program, street closure assistance, and free WiFi in Central and Shady Parks. Mr. Dudgeon then described a list of topics to bring back for future discussion. Conversation centered on the flexibility of the list and confirmed with staff there may be additional topics to be covered or suggested. Funding dedicated to business assistance was also discussed. Staff stated the Economic Recovery Task Force is the vetting group for thoughts on funding opportunities noting time and expediency as major contributing factors. Staff stated they would be a pass-through for any ideas to support businesses as discussions continue. Staff concluded the item by providing background on the Central Park stage concept.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Chairperson, Lambrine Macejewski

Board Liaison, Kyle Dudgeon