

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2014 5:30 PM

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There was a Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 9, 2014, in the City Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Lake City, City Hall, and beginning at 5:30 PM.

Committee Members:

Melinda Moses – Council Member/Committee Chair
Stephen Witt – Mayor/Council Member-tardy
Wendell Johnson – City Manager
Jackie Kite-Community Redevelopment Administrator
Joshua Crapps-Acting City Attorney

Beth Burlingame
Lee Ann Hires
John Kuykendall-tardy
Lester McKellum
Jeff Simmons
Gloria Spivey
Matt Vann-absent
Glenn Hunter

Other Attendees

Grayson Cason- Assistant City Manager
Audrey Sikes-City Clerk
Katy McCrary –Deputy City Clerk
Dennille Decker-Chamber of Commerce-tardy
Noah Walker-Chamber of Commerce-tardy

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melinda Moses at 5:38 PM.
2. ROLL CALL
Ms. Moses asked Ms. Sikes to call the roll. Attendance is indicated above.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October 14, 2014)
Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 minutes as presented. Ms. Spivey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Ms. Hires made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Façade Grant Application, Canopy Replacements – Jackie Kite
Mr. Johnson made a motion to recommend to the Community Redevelopment Agency approval of the Awning and Façade applications for Marc Vann and S. Paul Vann Jr., Jeff A. Mears, and Charity Glackin (Nearly New Consignment) at the December 15, 2014 Community Redevelopment Agency meeting. Ms. Hires seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.

B. Patriotic and Destination Banner Design – Jackie Kite
Members concurred to provide the following suggestions for banners: use the bright color palate for the banners, replace the gift box image on the shopping banner and replace the wine bottle image on the nightlife banner.

Ms. Kite will contact The Blue/Grey Army regarding banners.

C. Storefront Marketing Campaign Update – Jackie Kite
Members discussed the need for window cleaning of the vacant storefronts and were asked to provide Ms. Kite with contact information of any vendors providing those services.

D. Lake City Advertiser Print Ad– Noah Walker
Mr. Walker provided the copy of the ad in the Advertiser and reported this is a three month advertising campaign.

E. CRA Updates-Wendell Johnson
Mr. Johnson discussed the Community Redevelopment Agency district funding initiative, a million dollar tax exempt loan. Mr. Jim Gallahan will explain the loan process during the December 15, 2015 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Kuykendall made a motion to recommend to the Community Redevelopment Agency moving forward with the Community Redevelopment Agency district funding initiative loan. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.

6. OTHER COMMENTS

A. Committee Members Suggestions and Ideas
Mr. Kuykendall suggested weatherization of Darby Pavilion to reduce cancellation of events during inclement weather.

B. Business Owner Reception/Update January 13, 2015-Melinda Moses
Ms. Moses would like to host a reception for all downtown business owners to ignite interest in the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee and to encourage public participation.

Members suggested having a presentation of the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee's vision for the future of downtown Lake City.

7. Schedule Next Meeting- January 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Moses stated the Business Owner Reception would serve at the January 2015 meeting. The event will be held on January 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:47 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.


Audrey Sikes MMC, City Clerk