

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2013 5:30 PM

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There was a Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2013, 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 – absent
Wendell Johnson – City Manager
Jackie Kite – Community Redevelopment Administrator
Audrey Sikes- City Clerk
Herbert Darby – City Attorney – absent

Beth Burlingame – absent
Lee Ann Hires
John Kuykendall
Lester McKellum – absent
Jesse Quillen
Jeff Simmons
Gloria Spivey
Matt Vann – absent

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melinda Moses at 5:35 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Moses asked Ms. Sikes to call the roll. Attendance is indicated above.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Hires made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Kuykendall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Quillen was welcomed to the committee.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Wilson Park Pavilion – Ms. Kite

Ms. Kite provided an update on the pavilion. She stated it is coming along well. Ms. Kite provided three (3) contracts for example purposes to the members relating to rentals. Members were asked to review and bring and suggestions/modifications back to the next meeting for discussion.

B. Lighting costs Wilson Park parking lot – Mr. Johnson/Mr. Simmons

Mr. Simmons reported that FPL could place lights to enhance the parking lot however these lights would not be decorative lighting. Members discussed the cost of the decorative

lantern lighting (6 units @ \$3,500 per light – total cost \$21,000) and discussed the possibility of only placing decorative lighting near the pavilion.

C. Marion Avenue Commercial Property Inventory and potential development – Ms. Kite and Mr. Johnson

Ms. Kite provided a map depicting property owners on Marion Street from Highway 90 to Railroad Street. Ms. Kite briefly discussed the new business coming in and shared those plans with the members. Mr. Johnson reported the new owner is anticipating spending approximately \$200,000 in renovation costs. Mr. Johnson stated the new owner will come to this committee for consideration of a Development Grant. Ms. Kite stated the plans of this new business were not for distribution however she has a copy that may be reviewed at her office. (Please note the City Clerks Office does not have a copy of the plans. Plans are on file in Ms. Kites Office). Members discussed the potential uses for the inventory map and identified the following:

- * Use as a master list to contact property owners
- * Use to communicate initiative of property improvement projects

Mr. Johnson discussed three (3) potential improvement sites for enhancements to the CRA:

1. Vann Building – Mr. Johnson will contact Brian Linton to let him know the City is interested in working with him and to request a formal letter of intent as to what the intentions are for this property. Financial incentives for this property will be discussed at a later date.
2. Club Mansion – Mr. Johnson discussed this as a potential site for a police department storage facility.
3. Entrance at Salvage Yard – enhance visibility

D. Merchant Survey – Ms. Kite/Mr. Johnson

Ms. Kite reported she will be meeting with Retail Strategies and she will try to work with the Chamber of Commerce relating to the survey.

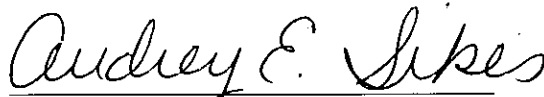
6. OTHER COMMENTS

None

7. NEXT MEETING – January 14, 2013 at 5:30 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:35 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.


AUDREY E. SIKES, MMC City Clerk