

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Demous.

Roll call

Present: Chair L. Demous, Member E. Taylor, Member D. Milton-Jackson, Member S. Hannigon, Member R. Nixon, Member F. Bass-Prieto, Member Price

Also present:

CRA Manager Regina Davis
On the phone Atty Brown

Approval of Agenda

Member Hannigon made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Milton-Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carries with a vote of 7-0.

Approval of Minutes

Member Taylor made a motion to approve the June 2016. Member Bass-Prieto seconded the motion. Motion carries with a vote of 7-0.

Election of Chair

Manager Davis explained that because of the recent appointments, officers need to be elected now and again October 1st (the beginning of the new fiscal year). Chair asked if any members are interested in the position. Member Taylor nominated Rob Nixon for the position of Chair. Member Hannigon seconded the nomination. Motion carries with a vote of 7-0.

Gavel passes to newly appointed Chair Nixon.

Election of Vice-Chair

Member Demous nominated Earlean Taylor as Vice-Chair. Member Bass-Prieto seconded nomination. Motion carries with a vote of 7-0.

Joint Workshop Date

This meeting will be in conjunction with the regular CRA board to discuss the budget, upcoming projects and the future of the CRA. After a discussion of the date available, it was motioned by Member Bass-Prieto to hold the joint meeting on August 2nd @ 5pm. Member Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carries with a vote of 7-0.

CRA Manager Updates

- The Manager advised that the signs for Tanyard Creek have been replaced. Member Demous has resolved all issues she previously had with the sign and the absence of the advisory member names. Member Bass-Prieto wants to know if the advisory board has any decision making authority since the park has been turned over to the City.

Manager Davis explained the history of the property and that although the CRA serves as the property manager, they have no decision making authority.

- Of the projects discussed during the last meeting, the regular board has decided to pursue the old Kelly Jr building. The manager was given permission to negotiate the purchase price with a vision of the property to be parking, green space and retail (live to work) space. After discussion it was decision that the Manager will send parameters to the Advisory Board to help in the process of suggesting catalyts projects.
- There was discussion from the board about their role as advisors. They also want to consider changing the meeting date to prior to regular board meeting. They would like to be active participants in the decision making process by forwarding their recommendations to the board.

CRA Attorney Updates – Attorney Brown stated there are very specific items that CRA dollars can be used for and that his prime responsibility is to keep us within the statutory guidelines.

Board Comments

Member Taylor – none

Member Price – none

Member Hannigon needs a copy of the façade grant application and the guidelines for possible modifications to increase its appeal to business owners.

Member Bass-Prieto – Her district concerns for downtown are to remove blight and address parking concerns.

Member Demous – Asked for a status of her code enforcement concerns. The Manager is awaiting a response from Mr. Piawah.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by S. Hannigon, seconded by F. Bass-Prieto. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. The next meeting is August 16, 2016 at 6:00pm.