

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

Roll call

Present: Member Bass-Prieto, Member Price, Member Hannigan, Member Taylor and Chair Nixon

**Also present:**

CRA Manager Regina Davis  
Attorney Brown

**Agenda**

Member Hannigan motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Taylor. Motion passes.

**Member Milton enters.**

**2016-17 Budget**

Provided the revised and approved budget, highlighted the following changes:

- The expected reimbursement of funds from the RD Edwards project will be earmarked for contingency and used by board approval only.
- Gadsden Arts Center funding has been removed; the \$10K allocated last year was a one time expenditure.

There was discussion on contingency funds for Tanyard Creek.

**Financials**

As of August 31 there is a balance of \$232,576.33. As of September 20<sup>th</sup> it is estimated to have a \$200K of rollover which will be placed in contingency for the catalyst line item.

The process for non-profits applying for funds:

- This is a rare occurrence. We are prohibited in funding events but can fund certain projects. There is no written policy but handle on a case by case basis.

**Tanyard Creek Update**

The Manager provided background; the CRA will continue to serve as the Project Manager and contingency funds will most likely be used to complete the park.

Member Bass-Prieto asked if it was possible to schedule the advisory board meeting prior to the regular board's meeting. No action was taken.

**Other Business/CRA Manager's Report**

- The manager reported that per the boards direction she sent email to City Manager on August 17<sup>th</sup> requesting a meeting with a response deadline of September 2<sup>nd</sup>. She has not received a response. There was discussion on how

to improve the lines of communication with the City. Member Hannigon made a motion that the Manager reach out to the City Manager via telephone to get the information previously requested. After yea or nae follow-up with an email. Seconded by Member Bass-Prieto. Motion passes.

- Reminder that Annual Florida Redevelopment Association Conference in October 12-14. Please notify manager's office by September 23<sup>rd</sup> if you plan to attend.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> focus group was held at the Gadsden Senior Center with approximately 30 people in attendance. Their ideas included a movie theatre, restaurant with healthy options, and incentives for local businesses. They all want to shop in Quincy and want to see more jobs/opportunities for its citizens.

The business survey will be distributed during the next Chamber Go Gadsden meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>. This will also be done during the next Quincy Main Street and NAACP meetings

### **Attorney Updates**

- Had a meeting with Manager Davis, City Manager and City Attorney on September 12<sup>th</sup>, wherein a letter was presented relating to the particulars regarding Tanyard Creek.
- Catalyst project – trying to make sure we are covered as it relates to brownfields, the next step is a draft contract.

### **Board Member Comments**

Taylor – none

Bass- indicated she researched a market study done in Alachua County for the manager's review. Perhaps this is something we can do.

Price – none

Milton – none

Hannigon – During the MainStreet meeting they discussed a rumor of a Recreational Facility with waterpark locating here. This falls in line with our previous discussions. Requested a tour of the CRA District.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by F. Bass-Prieto, seconded by D. Milton-Jackson. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

The next meeting is September 20, 2016 at 6:00pm.