
The Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency Regular and Advisory Board met in joint budget workshop on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 with Vice Chair Sapp presiding and the following **present at roll call**:

Regular Board

Board Member Dowdell
Board Member Sapp
Board Member Gay
Board Member Elias

Advisory Board

Board Member Nixon

**It was noted that Members Hannigon and Bass-Prieto were absent due to illness.

Also present:

Attorney Brown
CRA Manager Regina Davis
Finance Director Ted Beason

Call to Order

Vice Chair Sapp called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Manager Davis provided a draft budget and indicated that it was based on the information shared at the joint meeting held in May. This budget's focus is on economic development and catalysts projects not housing. The board's direction needs to be clear in order to identify priorities and establish a clear direction.

Member Dowdell mentioned that he spoke to Curtis Richardson of the Tallahassee CRA. Richardson commented on the legal issues surrounding CRAs and stressed that CRAs need to make sure they can show where the money is going. He then asked what catalyst projects have been identified.

- As previously identified in the master plan, the catalyst projects are continued work on the Kelly property and focus on Adams Street property(ies). \$350 has been set aside in next year's budget.

Member Demous enters.

Chair McMillan joins the meeting via the phone.

Manager Davis advised that she has met with DEP regarding the Kelly property and the hope is still that the work will be completed within a year. We are allowed to work on the areas surrounding the contaminated area and can move forward with the design aspect.

Member Elias – Would like the CRA's direction to be on slum and blighted areas, would like funds spent on Adams Street, feels that housing needs to be more focused in a particular area versus all over the city to make a bigger impact.

Member Gay – Would like to look at a catalyst project for Adams Street. Feels that work on the Kelly property should be delayed until it is cleared by the state. Agreed that housing needs to be more focused, perhaps doing a block or street. Asked for clarification of budget of \$50K for Beautification Projects. Manager advised these funds would be for tree project if not completed this year, possible bike racks and trash cans for the south side that have been requested by business owners.

Chair McMillan – Feels that owners on the south side may be resistant to change and that properties with multiple owners may be an issue.

Member Elias – Asked how much will carryover from this year's budget. The manager referenced the \$200K that is reflected in Revenue under Use of Fund Balance; but explained that this is a tentative figure.

Attorney Brown – Advised that funds carried over must be identified and used with 3 years.

Professional Services line item can be used for design of Kelly project.

Member Gay – Suggests that we retain a lawn care service to maintain the Kelly property. Asked about chain link fence on the property, would like to see it removed.

Member Price enters.

Member Dowdell – Asked the status of Tanyard Creek. Florida Communities Trust is preparing a letter with what they expect to be done.

Member Nixon – Commended both boards on the work done on the budget. Excited that a direction has been set and noted that the advisory board is in full support of the recommendations being made and looks forward to continued efforts improve the CRA district.

Manager Davis advised that the next step is the preparation/finalization of a draft budget by the advisory board that will be forwarded to the regular board for review/approval.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

***The CRA Regular Board will meet again July 11, 2017 and the
Advisory Board will meet again July 18, 2017.***