
The Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency Regular and Advisory Board met in joint workshop on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 with Advisory Chair Nixon presiding and the following **present at roll call**:

Regular Board

Board Member Dowdell
Board Member Sapp

Advisory Board

Board Member Prieto-Bass
Board Member Hannigon

**It was noted that Member Gay was unable to attend

Also present:

Attorney Brown
CRA Manager Regina Davis
Finance Director Ted Beason

Call to Order

Advisory Board Chair Nixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Opening Remarks

Advisory Board Chair Nixon thanked everyone for coming and covered some basic house rules: adherence to time/schedule, respectful of speaker comments and questions; collaboration not confrontation. The advisory board's intent is to support the board in whatever way they can.

Board Member Elias enters.

CRA Plan 2017-20 Programs and Projects

Quincy CRA Boundaries and Purpose – Manager provided CRA Redevelopment Plan and in it Redevelopment Programs and Projects planned for 2014-2019. The bylaws were also provided and states as the purpose “The QCRA is established to eliminate and prevent the development and spread of slums and blight...” and shows the boundaries on the last page of the document.

Role of the CRA Advisory Board - One of the questions being asked by the advisory board is what their actual role is. The board has new members and they were told that the overall purpose of the advisory board is to assist the regular board. With that in mind we looked at the strategic plan and implementation.

Strategic Plan, Priorities and Implementation – there are several areas that we are working on.

- Land acquisition, purchase of the Kelly lot, work on the RD Edwards building, SEEP, façade street grant, mural grant and streetscape assistance.

The board was asked what their thoughts are on the CRA Plan and progress to date. A discussion ensued on the details regarding CRA accomplishments to date. It was ultimately agreed that the Redevelopment Plan is a tool that covers a broad area but that the planned projects and programs would be used to narrow the focus of this board.

There was mention of using performance based budget, which would align projects with funding. This could be reviewed quarterly.

The manager mentioned that the boards may need to decide between housing and economic development. Feels that the way housing is being handled right now is not effective, is a bandage at best.

The needs to be a connection between the CRAs vision and mission and it's working plan. Also more of a focus on revenue generating projects.

Other Matters

Financial Overview – The manager provided a recap of the financials from 2009 to date, detailing salaries, benefits and operating services

Attendance Inquiry – The manager responded to an inquiry as to whether the advisory board members are in regular attendance at meetings.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Brown advised the boards that brownfields are expensive and cautioned against them approaching these areas.

Next Steps

- Advisory board to send specific recommendations to the board.
- Information to be sent out timely.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Member Gay, seconded by Member Sapp, motion passes 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

***The CRA Regular Board will meet again June 13, 2017 and the
Advisory Board will meet again June 20, 2017.***