

The Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2016 with Chairman Elias presiding and the following **present**:

Board Member Daniel McMillan
Board Member Keith Dowdell

Board Member Andy Gay

Also present:

CRA Manager Regina Davis

CRA Attorney Hubert Brown

Call to Order

Chairman Elias called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Member Dowdell made a motion to approve the agenda. Member McMillan seconded the motion. Motion carries with a vote of 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Member Gay made a motion to approve the January minutes. Member McMillian seconded the motion. Motion carries with a vote of 4-0.

Finance Report

The finance report was not available but will be emailed when received.

Advisory Board Appointment

Robert Nixon, Stacey Hannigon and Angela Price are the three appointees pending Board approval. There are still two vacancies. The manager has contacted the State requesting training for all the new board members. The appointees for Member Dowdell and McMillan will remain unchanged.

Mural Grants

The manager requested clarification on the process to be followed relating to the mural request by Stevens TV and Appliances. Member McMillan offered a motion directing the manager to provide a \$5,000 application to business owners that are interested in having a mural on their building. Motion seconded by Member Dowdell. Motion carries with a vote of 4-0. It was also noted that once approved they would have to present to the Historic Preservation board.

**CRA Manager's Report
RD Edwards Building**

Work has begun; they are on schedule and will provide weekly updates. An extension to August 30th has been requested.

- Member Gay asked what the intent of the use of the building. Chief Sapp expressed an interest in returning to the building.
- Member McMillan stated let's move forward looking for grant dollars to complete the work needed. Wants Police Dept to return to the building.

- The manager indicated that USDA has grants available for community facilities.
- Member Dowdell reminded all that the original plan was to move the Police Dept to the Capital City Bank building. Either way the city will have a vacant building.

Tanyard Creek

The two signs have been replaced and the Investing in Our Youth sign will be replaced with a Tanyard Creek sign.

* Member Dowdell indicated the Recreation Dept is looking for a facility to house a “Hall of Fame”

* Member Elias wants to know the condition of the being to ensure it is able to handle occupants safely. Manager will get with Mr. Piawah for status.

Downtown Façade & Landscape Program

There has been no response to notices that have been distributed. The arborist provided a sketch indicating which trees need to be removed and which could be saved. It has not been decided what to replace those plants with.

* Member Dowdell asked for a color copy of sketch to make it easier to read.

* Member Gay suggested that MainStreet be given the opportunity to give input.

Property Donations

The manager spoke to the property owners on Lowe Street and they are not interested in selling. They were made aware that the property taxes are delinquent and will be bringing them current.

Good Shephard Lodge on Cleveland Street wants to donate their property and would like for a park to be built. The board would like consider it for a Habitat property. Member Dowdell did not think the Lodge will agree to this.

Member Dowdell motioned to give the manager permission to negotiate with the landowners and come back a plan. Motion was seconded by Member Gay. Motion carries with a vote of 4-0.

Attorney’s Report - nothing

Board Comments

Member Dowdell – Asked for clarification on expenditures to West End Grille, OES and

Member Gay – none

Member McMillian – none

Member Elias - none

Member Elias

- Confirmed the Big Bend CDC has taken over the Good 360 Partnership.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Member McMillian, seconded by Member Gay. Meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.