

Call to Order

Chair Sapp called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency Regular and Advisory Boards met in joint session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, with the following **present at roll call**:

Regular Board: Member Sapp, Member Dowdell, Member McMillan, Member Gay

Advisory Board: Member Nixon, Member Morris, Member Bass-Prieto, Member Hannigon

Also present:

CRA Manager Regina Davis, Attorney Brown, Finance Director Beason

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Member Hannigon to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Member Morris, motion carries with a vote of 8-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Member Morris to approve the minutes of the Special Advisory board meeting from September 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm, seconded by Member Nixon, motion carries with a vote of 4-0.

Advisory Board Member Milton-Jackson enters.

2017-2018 Proposed Budget Amendment

Member Nixon supports the idea but wants a process/policy set-up before moving forward. Feels this would be setting a precedent and that this is not in conjunction with already established priorities.

Member Dowdell asked for the manager's input. Manager Davis advised that her job is to make suggestions/recommendations and follow through on direction given by the board. She has already given her ideas during the budgeting process.

Member Dowdell said that the county can't just take the funds from the CRA.

Attorney Brown withheld his opinion and reiterated that he had one on one conversations with each board member regarding this situation. He is currently working with the manager to ensure this doesn't happen.

Member Harris enters.

Member Dowdell was confused and thought the intent was to place this item in next year's budget.

Member Gay said we have some good projects that line-up with the CRA plan and feels that deviation opens the board up to scrutiny. Also thought this was regarding the 2018-19 budget. Does not want to create a new line item just to accommodate the change.

Member McMillan is concerned with this being a revolving door, is against it.

Member Sapp is concerned with setting a precedent and creating a new line item.

Member Gay is a proponent of the City contributing to non-profits and programs when it benefits the citizens. Feels it is up to the commission/board to determine who and how much is contributed.

Member Morris referred to the comments from the Attorney General. Concerned that funds may be spent on non-CRA area and feels it is the City's responsibility. Also feels that if organizations are asking for funding that some deliverables and procedures should be set in place.

Manager Davis indicated that both (procedures and deliverables) was a part of her plan.

Member Hannigon felt that the organizations should disclose more information such as their budget, other funding sources on the frontend. Deliverables should be established as well as clear cut parameters. Asked if funds can be rolled over to a specific project.

Member Nixon pointed out that the manager has provided information on grant opportunities to non-profits in the past.

Interim City Manager McLean pointed out the need to put the \$20,000 payable to the City back in the budget if the board decides not to fund the non-government agencies.

Manager Davis indicated that the Kelley Lot cleanup is almost done, the next step is surveying and engineering.

Member Gay said the next steps will be parking and sod.

Member Nixon suggested that \$20,000 be taken from demolition.

The City Manager indicated that the need exceeds the proposed from the City and CRA.

Member Bass-Prieto wants to keep demolition at \$100,000.

Member Hannigon verified that the demolition would have to be in the CRA district.

Member Harris suggested that we use the money from the suggested revisions to fund the \$20,000.

Other business

Member Morris considers himself a solution based person and has researched other CRAs in Florida to see their board make-up. Suggested redoing the make-up of the board,

perhaps three City Commissions who rotate, one County Commissioner and one citizen (perhaps a CRA Advisory member).

Member Dowdell agrees with Member Morris to a point.

Attorney Brown indicated that the law allows from 5 to 9 members.

Member Dowdell said the board needs to incur a debt. He also expressed that he is not satisfied with the plans for South Adams Street would like to see a patio on the back and iron rails. Access to the back parking lot is also desirable. Suggested getting into debt in the amount of \$250K to complete South Adams Street project. Do a complete renovation and consider a joint project with the County.

Member Bass suggested looking at infrastructure, there are problems with water and sewer lines. Concerned with gentrification versus renovation.

*Motion to **adjourn** by Member Morris, seconded by Member Milton-Jackson, meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.*

Chair Sapp calls for a 5 minute recess.