
Call to Order

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

The Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency Regular Board met on Tuesday, February 4, 2021 with the following present at roll call: Member Canidate, Member Dowdell and Member Bass-Prieto

Motion by Member Dowdell to excuse Member Sapp, seconded by Member Canidate, motion carries 4-0.

Also in attendance:

Manager Nixon, Attorney Brown, Admin Pam Tribue

Chair Harris reminded the board that the park renaming for the Andrew Andy Gay III Park is scheduled for 5:30pm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Member Bass-Prieto to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Member Dowdell, motion carries 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Member Dowdell to table the approval of the minutes to the next meeting to allow for time to be reviewed, seconded by Member Canidate, motion carries 4-0.

Financial Report

As of the January 29, 2021 statement there was a beginning balance of \$303,092.96. There were two deposits/credits of \$35,500, eleven checks/debits \$88,367.04, service charge for \$0.00, interest paid in the amount of \$12.71, leaving an ending balance of \$250,238.63.

Manager Nixon covered details, highlights include:

- The was a payment made for the line of credit – Manager Nixon will look into this as this should have already been paid in full.
- The Rumbles payments for Sept and Oct were an oversight by the Finance Department – it covers the copies and supplies.
- The \$1,000 check to the Gadsden Chamber of Commerce was issued in error; Finance has been advised and will refund the funds.
- The \$35,500 paid to Mark Tarmey in error has been refunded.

Member Sapp joins the meeting.

Board members expressed concern over charges made by the City from the CRA account. Attorney Brown spoke to the City Manager regarding this issue explaining the process for getting authorization to process payments. The manager needs to sign off on the check requisition and if it is above \$5,000 the board needs to provide minutes approving those. City Manager indicated it may have been a coding error. The attorney has drafted a letter and will

provide a copy of the bylaws which specifies the different authorizations needed; upon final review will give to the City Manager and Finance Director.

Motion by Member Bass-Prieto to accept the financial statement as presented, seconded by Member Canidate, motion carries 5-0.

QCRA Manager Report/Updates

CRA Manager contract – The QCRA noted that there was no end date on the current CRA Manager’s employment agreement. Attorney Brown pointed out that in the past agreements have been for two years which in this case would be January 14, 2022, two years after the initial signing date of January 14, 2020. There were no notes in the minutes from January 2020 as to what the intent for length of contract was.

Member Dowdell expressed that he is not in favor of a two-year contract, would prefer year-to-year. This would mean the manager’s contract would have expired January 14, 2021.

Motion by Member Sapp that the CRA and CRA Manager enter into a two-year contract beginning January 14, 2020 and ending January 14, 2022, second by Member Bass-Prieto. Discussion: Chair Harris has an issue the continuation of a contract that includes something that was addressed shortly after voting for the contract which is Section 8 (Employee’s Activities Outside CRA). Asked for clarification from the attorney as to why this was included in the contract, remembering that the Mr. Nixon brought his other employment to the board’s attention and the board approved him maintaining that employment. Chair Harris would like to have additional discussion regarding this issue before approving contract for additional year(s). Member Canidate also wanted additional information on this section.

Manager Nixon reminded the board about the time as it relates to the presentation at the newly renamed park. Chair Harris asked if the board wanted to reconvene after the presentation as they didn’t want it to get dark before the presentation. Member Sapp applauded the board for changing meeting times and days in order to get items accomplished but stated that she would not be inclined to return after the presentation. She suggested that the board convene the meeting and reconvene at a time to be determined now.

Motion fails 2-3 (in favor Member Sapp and Member Bass-Prieto, voting against the motion Member Canidate, Member Dowdell and Chair Harris)

Motion by Member Dowdell to bring the CRA Manager contract back at the next meeting, seconded by Member Sapp, motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Manning of Chariot Construction was present and Chair Harris thanked him for the expeditious work he has done. He noted that the persons he has spoken with are pleased with the work and the workers. Appreciates this getting done in a timely fashion.

Motion by Member Bass-Prieto to table the remainder of the agenda and that the board set a date to reconvene, second by Dowdell, motion carries 5-0.

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Member Canidate, seconded by Member Dowdell, motion carries 5-0.

Meeting adjourns at 5:37pm.