
Call to Order

Chairperson Flores called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board met Thursday, April 2, 2026, with the following other members present at roll call: Member Howard, Member Gainous and Member Rowan-Smith.

Also in attendance:

Interim CRA Manager Davis, Attorney Brown, Transcriptionist Pam Tribue

Board Chair Flores asked if those members not in attendance were to be excused. The board discussed the definition of "excused" and how a lack of attendance leads to no quorum and cancelled meetings. Attorney Brown shared that absences are covered in the by-laws that were passed last year. It stated that three unexcused absences could be a reason for termination. Ultimately it would be the regular boards decision but the advisory could make a recommendation to them.

Motion by Chair Flores to have Manager Davis advise all members of the advisory board of the rules regarding attendance (three unexcused meetings) and when this occurs your name will be presented to the regular board for consideration of termination, seconded by Member Gainous, motion carried 3-1 (Member Howard votes no).

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Member Gainous to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Smith, motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Member Gainous to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting, seconded by Chair Flores, motion carried 4-0.

Financial Report

As of the December 31, 2025 statement, the beginning balance was \$2,452,647.08. There was one deposit of \$609,072.00 and six checks/debits in the amount \$26,204.05; there was interest paid in the amount of \$0.00, leaving an ending balance of \$3,035,515.03. Additional information regarding debits was provided.

Old Business

Housing Assistance Program

The 29 approved applicants (homes) have been reviewed by Mr. Tribue and have gone out for bid in the Tallahassee Democrat, the Gadsden County Times and the Havana Herald. To date, seven contractors are preparing bids on all or some of the properties. There is a \$10K cap per house.

Small Business Assistance Program

- The board has entered into a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce to streamline this process. There are approximately 25 applicants. The Chamber will offer a wide range of trainings designed to assist the businesses in staying open and being profitable.

Infrastructure Projects

Public Works Director Bell shared an update on the projects previously funded by the board.

- Storm water Improvements & Flood Mitigation – Project complete.
- Streets and ADA Compliance – Project complete with the exception of stripping.
- Holding ponds. – Currently being worked on.

Other:

Board members inquired about the terrible condition of some railroad crossings. Mr. Bell announced that all railroad crossings will be reviewed and repaired in June.

- Demolition of 502 Pat Thomas Highway – This property has been vacant for a number of years and is currently underutilized. The site was previously used as a tannery. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment is currently being conducted to identify any recognized environmental conditions or potential contaminants. Board approved up to \$140K for demolition.

Advisory Board At-large Position Nominations

Ms. Davis indicated she received one suggestion and is open to others for consideration.

New Business

Gateway Signage

Manager Davis provided several examples of signage found in other City and Counties. Board members are asked to review and send her their top three choices. This will narrow down the selection being sent to the architect

Comments

CRA Manager Comments

Provided update on Hometown Revitalization Grant. This grant has been around for a while and has been sent out for bids twice. On the most recent bid request, two responses were received both of which were more than the grant is approved for. After consideration the regular board decided to narrow the focus of the project to the Andy Gay Park and send it out again for rebidding. The board has also requested an extension and the closing date is September 2026.

Member Howard asked why there seems to be such a sudden interest in parks as the City, CRA and County have projects going. Manager Davis explained that this project has been around for approximately 10 years but that in general parks/recreation can be an economic development generator. The City has engaged an engineer to assist them in creating a master plan for seven parks in the City. Once done the City can look for grants to carry-out the plans.

CRA Attorney Comments

Attorney Brown stated that the board may want to have further discussion on the current meeting day to accommodate as many members as possible.

Transcriptionist Comments

None

Advisory Board Member Comments

Member Smith – None

Member Howard

- Inquired about the work being done on the old Cowhide building
- Wants to be made aware of the things being handled by the CRA board.
- Questioned if it is allowable that the CRA attorney serve as the City's attorney simultaneously.

Member Gainous

- Good meeting.

Chairperson Flores

- Thanked Ms. Davis for keeping the board up to date.
- Encouraged the board to continue moving forward.

Audience Comments

None

Motion to adjourn by Member Gainous, seconded by Member Howard, motion carries 4-0.

Meeting adjourns.