

City of Auburndale Community Development Agency Minutes November 15, 2021

Minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Auburndale held on November 15, 2021, at 8:48 p.m. in the Commission Room of City Hall, after having been properly advertised, with the following members present: Chair Ellie Harper, Vice Chair Cindy Price, Dr. Dorothea Taylor Bogert, Keith Cowie, Richard Hamann, Jack Myers, and Tim Pospichal. Also present: City Manager Jeff Tillman, Assistant City Manager Amy Palmer and City Clerk Jeffrey Brown.

Motion by Mr. Pospichal, seconded by Dr. Taylor Bogert, to approve the Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes of the September 21, 2021, Meeting. Upon vote, all ayes.

Assistant City Manager Palmer noted a scrivener's error change in the May 17, 2021, minutes showing her name as Tillman not Palmer.

Assistant City Manager Palmer highlighted the sidewalk repairs around Lake Stella and Palmetto Street.

Chair Harper asked for citizen comment. None was received.

1. PUBLIC AND STAFF SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW PROJECTS

Assistant City Manager stated the Community Redevelopment Agency Plan provides for projects in the following categories: Beautification, Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Administrative Support Projects. The current list of suggested projects is an on-going list and is amended annually according to public, staff, and CRA Board input.

An advertisement was placed in the local media and posted on the City's website encouraging residents and business owners to provide input to the CRA Board on future projects.

All suggestions will be brought back before the CRA Board in January 2022, at which time the Board will consider amending the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to reflect a new "fifth year" to accommodate new projects. Staff is suggesting a Splash Pad be constructed within the CRA District based upon comments from the public.

Dr. Taylor Bogert asked about the vacant building next to the skate park?

Dr. Taylor Bogert asked about the Bluegrass Festival coming back to the Downtown Park?

Mr. Myers stated the Festival outgrew the Park. Carl Allen started the event. It expanded from its original location to the City Park. It continued to expand until it outgrew the City Park.

Dr. Taylor Bogert asked about the Billboard advertising line item?

Assistant City Manager Palmer stated the idea was to advertise Downtown on a billboard on I-4.

Mr. Myers asked how much space is available to expand the skatepark?

City Manager Tillman stated there was funding available for the skate park. The project was put on hold as the skatepark may be relocated.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Pospichal, to approve the Suggested Project list with the Skatepark included as a project as well. Upon vote, all ayes.

2. PRESENTATION OF CRA YEARLY CALENDAR

Assistant City Manager Palmer presented a calendar to assist the Board members with future CRA activities. The calendar is consistent with the previous year's meeting schedule.

Motion by Dr. Taylor Bogert, seconded by Mr. Cowie, to approve the CRA yearly calendar. Upon vote, all ayes.

The CRA Board of Directors honored Vice Chair Price for her 30 years of service on the CRA Board. This meeting is her final meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.

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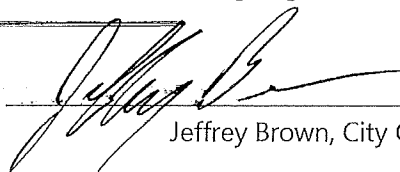
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