

**MINUTES
COCOA CRA
REGULAR MEETING
May 2, 2022**

FINAL

The Regular Meeting of the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency was held on May 2, 2022 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Blake called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Michael C. Blake	Chairperson
Lavander Hearn	Vice Chairperson
Alex Goins	Agency Member
Rip Dyal	Agency Member
Lorraine Koss	Agency Member
Janne Etz	Agency Member
Candace Rogers	Agency Member
Kristen Eick	Agency Attorney
Lori Chabot	Recording Secretary

PRESENT:

Michael C. Blake	Chairperson
Lavander Hearn	Vice Chairperson
Alex Goins	Agency Member
Janne Etz	Agency Member
Candace Rogers	Agency Member
Rip Dyal	Agency Member
Lorraine Koss	Agency Member
Kristen Eick	Agency Attorney
Lori Chabot	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Stockton Whitten, City Manager, **Charlene Neuterman**, Community Services Director.

Agency Member ETZ led the assembly in the Invocation and **Agency Member ROGERS** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

AGENDA: Regular Meeting, May 2, 2022 as written or with amendments.

- * **MOTION** by Agency Member KOSS; **SECONDED** by Agency Member ETZ to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 2, 2022, as written.

AYES: BLAKE, HEARN, GOINS, ETZ, ROGERS, KOSS, DYAL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

MINUTES: Regular Meeting of March 7, 2022, either as written or with amendments.

- * **MOTION** by Agency Member HEARN; **SECONDED** by Agency Member DYAL to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2022, as written.

AYES: BLAKE, HEARN, GOINS, ETZ, ROGERS, KOSS, DYAL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

MINUTES: Special Meeting of April 5, 2022, either as written or with amendments.

- * **MOTION** by Agency Member KOSS; **SECONDED** by Agency Member HEARN to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting of April 5, 2022, as written.

AYES: BLAKE, HEARN, GOINS, ETZ, ROGERS, KOSS, DYAL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

III. DELEGATIONS:

Kathy Hamilton Brown, Edinburgh Drive, Cocoa. Spoke regarding the figurines at the Gateway Entrance. She expressed her concerns of the lack of diversity with the figurines. She stated they did not accurately represent the City of Cocoa.

Aleck Greenwood, Brevard Avenue, Cocoa, He stated with regard to the figurines he did not recall when the idea of adding color was addressed. He was under the impression they would all be the same color. He stated he has also heard from others the figurines did not look professional with the color added.

Chairperson **BLAKE** responded stating this subject will be addressed under REPORTS.

IV. PRESENTATIONS: None

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of a Resolution Amending the FY2022 Budget, BAF in the amount of \$12,903 from CRA Contingency to CRA Infrastructure for the purposes of funding the replacement of two HVAC unit located in the Post Office.

Director Neuterman introduced the item giving history of the Post Office and details of the Lease Agreement. That lease was paid monthly along with CAM – Common Area Maintenance that was also paid monthly. She explained, as part of the lease agreement, the replace of the HVAC was not part of the Common Area Maintenance and was therefore, the CRA's responsibility. The A/C had not been replaced since 2006.

Agency Member **KOSS** asked for clarification on the Common Area Maintenance and what it included. Director Neuterman clarified with a breakdown and who pays for what.

* * **MOTION by Chairperson BLAKE; SECONDED by Agency Member GOINS for Approval of a Resolution Amending the FY2022 Budget, BAF in the amount of \$12,903 from CRA Contingency to CRA Infrastructure for the purposes of funding the replacement of two HVAC unit located in the Post Office.**

AYES: BLAKE, GOINS, HEARN, ETZ, ROGERS, DYAL, KOSS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

2. Requesting agency choose and approve a design size and Agency Approval of a Resolution Amending the FY2022 Budget and a BAF in the amount not to exceed of \$34,950 to transfer funds from the Contingency Account to the Infrastructure Account to cover the cost of the installation of the crosswalk design in front of the Cocoa Village Playhouse.

Director Neuterman reviewed history of art project for the design and how it came to this point. She reiterated the criteria for the submittals and gave a review of the finalist and which one was chosen. That design is in packet. Director Neuterman also stated Staff received a quote from Fausnight, who also recently did the Crosswalks and they provided costs for two different sizes.

Agency Member **ETZ** asked about the quote and what the removal referred to in the quote asking, did that mean removing the crosswalk? Director Neuterman replied it did.

Agency Member **ROGERS** spoke stating she was shocked to see the price. She also asked if the smaller version was used would that allow for the drama faces to be added. Director Neuterman replied yes, it is possible. Agency Member **ROGERS** stated she doesn't see the reason to spend money for the added size.

Aleck Greenwood spoke on this subject. He advised that what caused the enlargement of the design was concern that it would not be visible enough and could be a safety issue, adding the whole area should tell drivers it is a pedestrian area.

Agency Member **ROGERS** said she was in attendance when it was discussed and if the property group wants to pay the difference, they can and she wants to stay with the original size.

Agency Member **GOINS** asked if the design would go to the outside of the ramp area. Director Neuterman replied crosswalk to crosswalk.

Chairperson **BLAKE** asked about the type of materials used and if it was tarnished or deteriorated over time could it be repaired? Director Neuterman replied there are methods to clean it, but due to the fact that it is a darker color, it won't show as much.

Vice Chairperson **HEARN** asked about a warranty. Director Neuterman replied there is a one-year warranty. Agency Member **GOINS** reported the one at Endeavor is lighter in color and is showing more wear and tear.

* * **MOTION by Agency Member DYAL; SECONDED by Agency Member ROGERS** to choose the smaller design size and Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2022 Budget and a BAF in the amount of \$17,670 to transfer funds from the Contingency Account to the Infrastructure Account to cover the cost of the installation of the crosswalk design in front of the Cocoa Village Playhouse.

AYES: BLAKE, GOINS, HEARN, ETZ, ROGERS, DYAL, KOSS

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VI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – NONE

VII. UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS –

Following up on Ms. Brown's comment regarding the Cocoa Village Gateway Entrance, Director Neuterman discussed the feedback received about the figurines that were installed there. She added the feedback was that there was not enough diversity or representation of the City. Staff is asking for direction on how to move forward with corrections to existing or to add additional figurines.

Chairperson **BLAKE** asked if the existing designs could be changed in regard to colors to include all colors so that everyone can identify with someone in the area.

Agency Member **KOSS** added her recall with regard to the Gateway Entrance and how over time things had changed. She continued stating it has been a lesson doing art by committee. Director Neuterman added it had been a four-year project and has been a journey. The direction staff will need is what the Agency wants Staff to come back with.

Agency Member **ROGERS** reviewed how the statutes came about adding it was about expressing a sense of community. She continued that "Community" means not just buildings, people coming together. Through the course of time things changed. The boat is not proportional as it should be. She reiterated the Mayor's statement, we come from different tribes but come from one race, human race. She stated she has received some feedback that it was lively, colorful. She would like to be sensitive to the artist and her vision and the community she strived to express.

Agency Member **GOINS** stated it is art and everyone's perception is different. But would like to do what we can to address the concerns.

Director Neuterman responded that the artist is open to helping solve this challenge.

Chairperson **BLAKE** asked if additional figurines could be added and suggested that.

Director Neuterman stated she would return with their direction whether it was would creating new figurines, fit three people in one or asking the artist return with a design that would have variety of features.

Vice Chairperson **HEARN** stated he is concerned about adding paint, whether it would look right and also about the costs.

Agency Member **ETZ** responded, as an artist, you cannot possibly please everyone. An artist is chosen for the work they do. She too got calls about the statutes that made her look at them differently. She too is interested in making it better. Likes the idea of a diverse group.

Agency Member **KOSS** responded and asked about the process of the figurines. Director Neuterman responded it is painted and sealed with multiple coats of sealant and is not supposed to fade.

Agency Member **DYAL** stated when he first saw the design, he liked the arch. He shared an apprentice program where kids made things out of metal, everything Cocoa and saw some beautiful artwork. He believes that would be better and would like to see that in the future. Director Neuterman asked Agency Members if the consensus is for Staff to return with options of figures that would be more diverse and address special needs.

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Agency Member **KOSS** suggested going back to the artist? She added maybe they can do a modification.

Chairperson **BLAKE** stated he would like to meet in June. Agency Members agreed, therefore the next meeting will be as originally scheduled on Monday, June 6 at 6:00 pm. All in agreement.

Ms. Brown notified Agency Members that there would be a Johnny Bailey dedication at Clearlake and Michigan May 12, at 2:30 pm.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:00 in the Council Chambers located in Cocoa City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida.

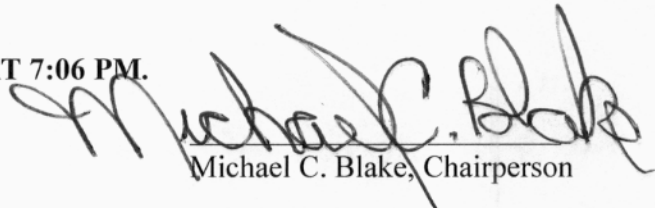
IX. ADJOURNMENT

* **MOTION by Agency Member DYAL; SECONDED by Agency Member ROGERS to adjourn the meeting.**

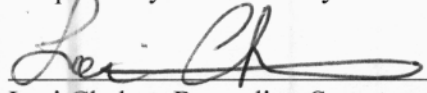
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MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:06 PM.


Michael C. Blake, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted by:


Lori Chabot, Recording Secretary