

**MINUTES
CITY OF COCOA
DIAMOND SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
April 17, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency Board was held on April 17, 2017 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Moore called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

ROLL CALL:

Tracy Moore	Chairwoman
Delores Martin	Vice Chairwoman
Adrian Moss-Beasley	Agency member
Larry Robinson	Agency member
Jewel Collins	Agency member
Edward Jones	Agency member
Ruby Jenkins	Agency member
Clarence Whipple Jr.	Council Liaison
Joseph Colombo	Agency Counsel

PRESENT:

Tracy Moore	Chairwoman
Delores Martin	Vice Chairwoman
Ed Jones	Agency member
Larry Robinson	Agency member
Jewel Collins	Agency member
Adrian Moss-Beasley	Agency member
Clarence Whipple Jr.	Council Liaison
Joe Columbo	Agency Counsel
Monica Arsenault	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Ruby Jenkins	Agency member
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STAFF PRESENT:

Steven P. Belden, AICP, Community Services Director, Larry Lallo, Economic Development Manager, and Samia Singleton, Redevelopment Specialist.

Agency member Moss-Beasley provided the invocation and 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 of April 17, 2017

- * **MOTION by Agency member Collins; SECONDED by Vice Chairwoman Martin to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2017.**

AYES: Moore, Martin, Collins, Robinson, Jones, Moss-Beasley

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2017

- * **MOTION by Vice Chairwoman Martin; SECONDED by Agency member Collins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2017.**

AYES: Moore, Martin, Collins, Robinson, Jones, Moss-Beasley

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

III. DELEGATIONS:

NONE

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Diamond Square CRA Decals and Brochure

As discussed at the previous Diamond Square meeting, staff presented the Agency with three different design ideas for the decals. **Chairwoman Moore** asked the Agency members to share their input regarding the size and design of the decals. The Agency agreed on a decal design but were unsure as to what size they would like the decal to be. **Mr. Steven Belden**, Community Services Director, stated that various decal sizes could be presented at the next meeting for the Agency's approval.

Ms. Samia Singleton, Redevelopment Specialist, presented the Agency with an updated brochure design as the last updated brochure was created in 2007.

Vice Chairwoman Martin made a correction to the language and **Ms. Singleton** stated that the revision would be made.

On October 19, 2016 Agency members gathered to have a group photo taken. As **Agency member Collins** was unable to attend, staff suggested either a Photoshop edit or a picture re-take so that a group photo may be added to the brochure.

Chairwoman Moore made an additional suggestion that the Stone Street Streetscaping Project be mentioned before the Façade Grant program in the brochure.

The cost of the brochure and a potential budget adjustment will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. 2017 Florida Redevelopment Association Conference

The Agency reviewed the information that staff provided regarding the 2017 Florida Redevelopment Association Conference. The cost will be provided by staff at a later date.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

VII. AGENCY MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORT:

1. BOCC CRA Workshop

Ms. Singleton provided an update on the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Workshop that took place on April 13, 2017. **Ms. Singleton** explained that the workshop was held to further examine what the CRAs do and how they contribute to their communities. **Ms. Singleton** explained that Façade Grant programs are not favorable among certain County Commissioners, particularly Commissioner **John Tobia**. **Ms. Singleton** explained that **Mr. Tobia** presented a resolution to eliminate the CRAs in Brevard County. There is a plan to meet with individual municipalities to review the Interlocal Agreements for CRAs. The resolution was tabled for the time being, pending cooperation from the CRA's throughout the County.

Chairwoman Moore stated that she had the opportunity to attend the BOCC CRA Workshop. **Chairwoman Moore** shared her thoughts on what she felt was positive about the workshop and her thoughts on what could be improved. **Chairwoman Moore** shared that she felt there was a lack of residents in the surrounding communities that could have participated in the workshop and shared their stories on how CRAs have benefited them as individuals.

Chairwoman Moore asked **Agency Counsel Colombo** to share any updates or thoughts regarding **Commissioner Tobia's** resolution. **Mr. Colombo** stated that per the request of the Agency he would be able to provide a full report at the next meeting.

2. General Questions/Discussion:

Agency member Collins inquired about the summer programs sponsored by the Cocoa Housing Authority. **Ms. Shauna Ginn**, of Cocoa Housing Authority, approached the Agency and explained that sponsorships will be given specifically for the children from the Housing Authority so they may attend the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Summer Program, to be held at the Joe Lee Smith Center. **Ms. Ginn** shared that they are hoping to sponsor sixty-five (65) children this year. **Ms. Ginn** also discussed the Summer Food Program that the Housing Authority will take part in and host this year in which breakfast and potentially lunch will be served for not only the children from the Housing Authority but neighborhood children as well. The children will also have the opportunity to participate in various activities.

Council Liaison Whipple Jr. mentioned several ribbon cuttings and events that he has attended in and around the Diamond Square area with other members of City staff. **Mr. Whipple** also stated that anyone who wishes to attend any of the annual events or conferences should be given the opportunity.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency will be a Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Stone Street.

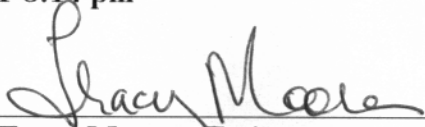
IX. ADJOURNMENT:

- * **MOTION** by Agency member Collins; **SECONDED** by Vice Chairwoman Martin to adjourn the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2017.

AYES: Moore, Martin, Collins, Robinson, Jones, Moss-Beasley

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:14 pm



Tracy Moore, Chairwoman

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica Arsenault, Recording Secretary