

**MINUTES
CITY OF COCOA
DIAMOND SQUARE CRA
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency was held on March 20, 2023, at City of Cocoa, City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noted.

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson BROWN called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Tracy A. Moore	Chairperson
Larry Brown	Vice Chairperson
Amy Robinson	Agency Member
Marilyn Ross Smith	Agency Member
Jackie Isom	Agency Member
Ed Jones	Agency Member
Crystal McQueen	Agency Member
Joseph Colombo	Agency Attorney
Lori Chabot	Recording Secretary

PRESENT:

Tracy Moore	Chairperson – <i>via phone</i>
Larry Brown	Vice Chairperson
Ed Jones	Agency Member
Marilyn Ross Smith	Agency Member
Amy Robinson	Agency Member – <i>via phone</i>
Jackie Isom	Agency Member
Crystal McQueen	Agency Member
Joseph Colombo	Agency Attorney
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ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

Community Services Director, Charlene Neuterman was in attendance.

Pastor Randy Stewart provided the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

AGENDA: Regular Meeting of March 20, 2023.

- * ***MOTION by Agency Member MCQUEEN; SECONDED by Agency Member ISOM to approve the agenda for the March 20, 2023, with an amendment to move ITEM IV.1 to the next meeting.**

AYES: ALL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

MINUTES: Special Meeting of January 23, 2023.

- * ***MOTION by Chair MOORE; SECONDED by Agency Member MCQUEEN to approve the minutes for the January 23, 2023, meeting as written.**

AYES: ALL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

III. Delegations –

Bernice Cox, Cocoa FL. Ms. Cox thanked Agency Members for the grants she received for the painting and beautification. She expressed her appreciation.

Pastor Randy Stewart, Real Church, Cocoa – He spoke of potential Land Use for Sale, adding zoning is a problem. The area he spoke about was between WAWA and Dollar General asking if that was sold for residential or can be used for a church. He also asked about an area at provost to build a church or day care. He expressed the need for single parents. Director Neuterman suggested he contact her and provided him with her card. She also added that Provost Park just completed a design concept for park facilities and not structure, i.e., Pickle-ball court, multi-purpose, lights. Other property in the WAWA area owned by Cocoa Housing Authority is up for sale. Ms. Shawna Ginn, Cocoa Housing Authority was also present. She stated they put sign up to gauge interest. However, they may go back to what the site is zoned for.

IV. Presentation:

Sgt. Wilkinson from CPD was present to show off the E-bikes purchased by the DS CRA. He explained they had just received their training for the bikes and discussed the purpose and benefits of having the bikes. Questions were asked about top speed and how long the charge would last. He replied they would go 35 MPH and a full charge would last about 12 hours. He explained by using the assist mode, the charge will last longer. He also stated the bikes would be used when they were on duty, could be at night time and would be for engagement use. Chair **MOORE** asked if they had

plans to do a program for Comm Policing techniques. He replied yes, for example, at local schools, events, etc.

Habitat for Humanity – Kate from Habitat discussed an event, Rock the Block, on April 21, 2023. The purpose is to clean up, power wash, and she is looking for assistance from agency members to determine staging locations, which streets, and what needs to be done. Director Neuterman suggested either Harry T. Moore or Dr. Joe Lee Smith for staging, both have parking. Staff will also need to speak with Brevard Parks and Rec. and then staff will give a recommendation. The event begins at 9:00 am and is on Friday, April 21, the day before Earth Day. Staff will provide the flyers to DSCRA once they are received from Habitat.

Anna Terry also gave an update about Space Coast Habitat – She provided Agency Members a power point (attached to these minutes) showing their homes built to date emphasizing the evolution of the construction. She added that Habitat has recently agreed to build three 3-d homes and they would like to build one in Cocoa. Agency Member **MCQUEEN** asked about the homes shown in the presentation in Collier County, if they were condos and she answered they were. She added they are looking for land to build in Cocoa.

V. **Action Items:**

1. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair. (Item tabled to next meeting).

Director Neuterman introduced the item stating it is staff's recommendation to move to this item to the next meeting.

* ***MOTION by Agency Member MCQUEEN; SECONDED by Agency Member ISOM to move the item until the next meeting.**

AYES: ALL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

2. Request Agency Approval for an application for the agency's Paint Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the property located at 714 Ixora St., Cocoa Fl and authorize the City Manager to execute a Paint Program Agreement.

Director Neuterman introduced the item stating all the documents have been completed and submitted and the applicant is eligible for the grant.

* ***MOTION by Agency Member SMITH; SECONDED by Agency Member MCQUEEN to Approve an application for the agency's Paint Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the property located at 714 Ixora St., Cocoa Fl and authorize the City Manager to execute a Paint Program Agreement.**

AYES: ALL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

3. **Staff is requesting Agency approval for an application for the agency's Paint Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the property located at 709 Ixora St., Cocoa Fl and authorize the City Manager to execute a Paint Program Agreement.**

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AYES: ALL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

4. **Staff is requesting Agency approval for an application for the agency's Paint Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the property located at 815 Paw Paw St., Cocoa Fl and authorize the City Manager to execute a Paint Program Agreement.**

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AYES: ALL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

5. Staff is requesting Agency approval for an application for the agency's Beautification Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$500 for the property located at 714 Ixora St., Cocoa Fl and authorize the City Manager to execute a Beautification Program Agreement.

Director Neuterman introduced the item stating all the documents have been completed and submitted and the applicant is eligible for the grant.

* *MOTION by Agency Member ISOM; SECONDED by Agency Member ROBINSON to approve an application for the agency's Beautification Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$500 for the property located at 714 Ixora St., Cocoa Fl and authorize the City Manager to execute a Beautification Program Agreement.

AYES: ALL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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AYES: ALL

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VI. Attorney's Report –None

VII. Updates and Staff Report – Director Neuterman reminded Agency Members that at their last meeting they discussed the possibility of updating the DS Plan. She continued, the City Manager will set up a meeting with County to possibly extend the sunset date from 2032 to 2038 or other timeframe. Staff will let the CRA know the outcome.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting of the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency will be on April 17, 2023, 6 pm at Cocoa City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida, unless a business need arises earlier.

IX. **Adjournment**

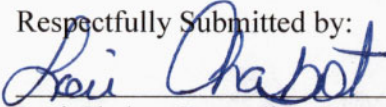
* * **MOTION** by Agency Member **MCQUEEN**; **SECONDED** by Agency Member **ISOM** to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: ALL

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 6:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Lori Chabot, Recording Secretary



Tracy Moore, Chairperson