

**MINUTES
CITY OF COCOA
DIAMOND SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency Board was held on March 19, 2018 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Moore called the meeting to order at 6:11 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
Sylvia Thomas	Agency member
Joseph Colombo	Agency counsel
Clarence Whipple Jr.	Council Liaison

PRESENT:

Tracy Moore	Chairwoman
Edward Jones	Agency member
Larry Robinson	Agency member
Clarence Whipple Jr.	Council Liaison
Joseph Colombo	Agency counsel
Torri Edwards	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Delores Martin	Vice Chairperson
Adrian Moss-Beasley	Agency member
Jewel Collins	Agency member
Sylvia Thomas	Agency member

STAFF PRESENT:

Samia Singleton, Redevelopment Specialist, and **Larry Lallo, CEcD, EDFP**, Economic Development Manager.

Agency member Robinson provided the invocation and **Chairperson Moore** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

The approval of agenda and minutes were not conducted due to lack of quorum.

III. DELEGATIONS:

NONE

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Budget Transfer to Machinery and Equipment-Tabled to 3/27/18

VI. UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. Stone Street Streetscape Project (verbal update):

Ms. Singleton reported the Stone Street Streetscape received five (5) bids in October 2017. All of the bids exceeded the allotted budget. The infrastructure and pipeline replacement were not critical to the project and have been removed from the plans to meet the project budget. Staff has selected DP Development of the Treasure Coast to recommend to Council for completion of the Stone Street Streetscape Project. The recommendation of the awarding of the bid will be presented to City Council on March 27, 2018. The project will include all the original plans, with the exception of the infrastructure and pipeline replacement.

Mr. Whipple, Jr. noted that Jack Walsh, Director of Utilities, has certified that the pipeline replacement is not critical and the Stone Street Streetscape Project can move forward.

Chairperson Moore inquired on the stormwater improvements for Highway 520. **Ms. Singleton** noted that any development that effects the stormwater will be handled by the project developers as development progresses on Highway 520.

Chairperson Moore inquired on anticipated start date for the Stone Street Streetscape. **Ms. Singleton** stated an anticipated start date will be provided at the next meeting.

Agency member Robinson inquired whether the bike lane design will remain the same. **Ms. Singleton** noted the original plans are intact with the exception of the infrastructure and the pipeline replacement.

2. Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center (verbal update):

Ms. Singleton stated the Board will have a joint meeting with City Council to discuss the proposed relocation of the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center to Provost Park on March 27, 2018. There will be a public meeting in April 2018. **Mr. Whipple, Jr.** noted the proposal of moving the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center to Provost Park is still open for discussion. He stated moving the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center to Provost Park will eliminate the illegal activities currently taking place. **Mr. Whipple, Jr.** stated Provost Park connects all the historical streets in Diamond Square. The future plans for the current Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center location could include building new homes.

Victoria Mitchner, President of Central Brevard NAACP, stated there was a meeting held with Terry Lane, Superintendent for Brevard County Parks and Recreation and Claire Hawthorne of Brevard County to discuss Provost Park layout. The east side pavilion was funded by a grant and cannot be demolished. She stated that Brevard County conducted a traffic survey and a cross walk can be constructed across Fiske Boulevard to access the new Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center.

Chairperson Moore inquired on the nature of the meeting held to discuss Provost Park. **Mr. Whipple, Jr.** stated the meeting was requested. **Ms. Mitchner** noted that the NAACP has been working to clean up Provost Park. **Chairperson Moore** inquired how relocating the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center will change the illegal activities at Provost Park. **Mr. Whipple, Jr.** stated Provost Park has been closed until May 2018 for refurbishing. **Ms. Mitchner** stated she spoke with Chief Cantaloupe to request increased police foot patrol at Provost Park.

Agency member Jones stated Provost Park has been a problem area for years and would like more information on how moving the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center to Provost Park will make a difference. He stated there are several lots available for housing at the current Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center location.

Chairperson Moore requested statistics of incidents at Provost Park and Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center. She inquired if the designs for the new location will be presented to the Board. **Ms. Singleton** noted the designs will be presented at the joint meeting with City Council on March 27, 2018. The public meeting to gather community input will be scheduled in April 2018.

Chairperson Moore suggested having an alternative plan to moving the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center to Provost Park. **Mr. Whipple, Jr.** noted the proposal to relocate the Center is still in the discussion phase. **Chairperson Moore** stated Brevard County, the City, and the community will work together for a resolution.

3. Community Garden:

Ms. Singleton stated that City Council has granted the Diamond Square CRA management of the community garden. Staff is in the process of developing an MOU between the City and the Diamond Square CRA.. A public meeting will be held on April 12, 2018 at the Pineda Senior Center to identify business partners, stakeholders, and gather community

input. **Chairperson Moore** suggested speaking with anyone that worked in the community garden in the past to gain recommendations on procedures that were beneficial.

Ms. Singleton noted she has reached out to other community gardens in the area. She will be attending a Community Garden Network meeting at the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) on March 30, 2018. **Chairperson Moore** requested business partners, stakeholders, and care takers of other community gardens attend the public meeting on April 12, 2018 to share their knowledge. **Ms. Singleton** stated she toured the New Smyrna Beach Community Garden and met with the Parks Director and Maintenance Operations Director.

Agency member Robinson requested someone from the Water Department be at the April 12, 2018 meeting to discuss reclaimed water.

Ms. Singleton thanked Shauna Ginn for organizing the location of the meeting at Pineda Senior Center.

Chairperson Moore requested a list of new businesses in the Diamond Square district. **Ms. Singleton** will provide the list at the next meeting.

Mr. Whipple, Jr. inquired on ANR moving to the new location. **Delores McLaughlin** noted ANR is moving to a location behind the Moore Center.

Mr. Whipple, Jr. provided an update on the Heart of Cocoa Meeting Center. He stated the site work has started.

Agency member Jones requested an update on the Rosa L. Jones bus stop bench. **Ms. Singleton** stated the slab has been poured. She stated the CRA will be responsible for purchasing the new bench and waste receptacle. The item will be voted on at the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

Shauna Ginn, of the Cocoa Housing Authority, stated that phase II of the rehabilitation went to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board last Friday.

Chairperson Moore inquired about a donut shop development on Highway 520. **Mr. Whipple, Jr.** reported there are discussions of a donut shop but no specific plans at this time.

Ms. Singleton noted that no site plans have been received for the Cumberland Farms.

Mr. Whipple, Jr. stated the bus terminal at Varr Avenue creates traffic issues. The relocation of the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center moving to Provost Park will include redesigning the street to reduce traffic from the bus terminal.

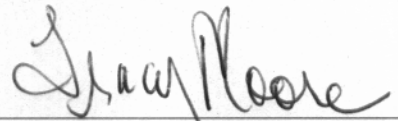
VII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency will be a Regular Meeting to be held on April 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 65 Stone Street.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

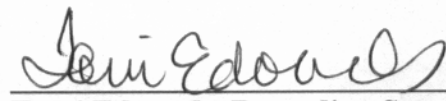
The Board agreed to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:01 pm



Tracy Moore, Chairwoman

Respectfully Submitted,



Torri Edwards, Recording Secretary