

CITY OF COCOA
DIAMOND SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2020

A meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency of the City of Cocoa was held on Monday, February 3, 2020 in the Council Chambers at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Agency Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Tracy A. Moore	Agency Chairperson
Delores Martin	Agency Vice Chair
Sylvia Thomas	Agency Member
Ed Jones	Agency Member
Marilyn Ross-Smith	Agency Member
Jackie Isom	Agency Member
Joe Columbo	Agency Attorney

PRESENT:

Tracy A. Moore	Agency Chairperson
Delores Martin	Agency Vice Chair
Sylvia Thomas	Agency Member
Marilyn Ross-Smith	Agency Member
Jackie Isom	Agency Member

ABSENT

Ed Jones	Agency Member
Joe Columbo	Agency Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Charlene Neuterman, Community Services Deputy Director and **Landon Morley**, Recording Secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES:

AGENDA: Meeting of February 3, 2020.

- ❖ **MOTION by Agency Member Martin; SECONDED by Agency Member Thomas to approve the agenda as amended for the meeting of February 3, 2020.**

AYES: MOORE, MARTIN, THOMAS, ROSS-SMITH, ISOM

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

MINUTES: Meeting of December 16, 2019

- ❖ **MOTION by Agency Member Thomas; SECONDED by Agency Member Martin to approve the minutes for the meeting of December 16, 2019.**

AYES: MOORE, MARTIN, THOMAS, ROSS-SMITH, ISOM

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. Delegations:

N/A

IV. Action Items

Mrs. Neuterman delivered a presentation in the absence of the original presenter regarding a façade grant at 1149 Lake Dr. for a 6 foot privacy fence on each side of the property. The fence is meant to protect children from speeding traffic including police cars as well as wandering participants from a nearby drug rehabilitation center. It would also make the area appear nicer. The childcare center currently has 85 children up to 7 years of age as well as after-school care. The project will cost \$7610 and **Mrs. Neuterman** requested \$3805 to cover half the cost.

Agency Member Moore asked if the children were from our city and how soon would the fence be built. **Mrs. Neuterman** replied that the children were from the city and the fence would begin going up as soon as the agency gave their approval. The agency expressed some reservation because they had not yet met the original

presenter. **Mrs. Neuterman** assured them they will meet if the action item were approved tonight.

MOTION by Agency Member Moore; SECONDED by Agency Member Martin to allocate \$3805 to the Just For Kids Center

AYES: MOORE, MARTIN, THOMAS, ROSS-SMITH, ISOM

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

V. Attorney's Report:

N/A

VI. UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. **Mr. Tom Clifford** with Habitat for Humanity spoke to the council regarding his role in running the Critical Home Repair Program which was particularly concerned with Diamond Square. Habitat for Humanity is building two homes in a female veteran's village with four more underway and they are looking for more female veterans to occupy the houses. Further, Habitat for Humanity is looking for additional projects they could get involved with. Some suggestions included beautification, fence building, making the local retention pond safer, and mitigating any other local hazards. They are currently working on new roof and HVAC system projects.
2. **Agency Member Moore** the unevenness in some Diamond Square sidewalks. **Mrs. Neuterman** said they have spoken with Public Works to get it repaired and there may be future grants available to aid with cost, but it will need to be addressed at a later time.
3. The community garden has two new volunteers, both from Cocoa. One is a college student interested in environmental science and sustainability.
4. Diamond Square initiative report – construction is ongoing and more information will be reported as it comes. The community center and pool are should be able habitable by the end of the school year. Because not all \$47,000 were not used for pool allocation, the city would like authorization to utilize the remaining funds for construction of the building. **Agency Member Moore** and **Agency Member Martin** would like an exact figure before consenting to allocating funds.
5. **Alex Goins** communicated various issues with Brevard County Parks and Rec, saying overall little has been done to improve Diamond Square parks and that the city should take back control of their own parks. Fern and Prospect Park is a major issue area. Four black men have recently been killed in the area and **Mr. Goins** mentioned wanting to push for surveillance. He also reported that children do not play in the park anymore and funds from taxes are not substantial enough to do the parks justice. The agency decided to revisit the topic in March.
6. **Mrs. Neuterman** reported the budget is balanced through the fiscal year and recommended starting to prepare for the new budget year. She requested a list a potential expenditures. **Agency Member Moore** expressed that she is most proud of the Joe Lee Smith Center, affordable homes, workplace training and neighborhood restoration.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE- MARCH 16, 6:00 PM

The next meeting for the Cocoa Redevelopment Agency will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at Cocoa City Hall located at 65 Stone Street.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ **MOTION by Agency Member Thomas; SECONDED by Agency Member Moore to adjourn the Meeting of February 3, 2020.**

AYES: MOORE, MARTIN, THOMAS, ROSS-SMITH, ISOM

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Tracy Moore, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted by:

Landon Morley, Recording Secretary