

**MINUTES
CITY OF COCOA
DIAMOND SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
November 21, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency Board was held on November 21, 2016 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

ROLL CALL:

Tracy Moore	Chairperson
Delores Martin	Vice Chairperson
Adrian Moss-Beasley	Agency member
Larry Robinson	Agency member
Jewel Collins	Agency member
Edward Jones	Agency member
Ruby Jenkins	Agency member
Joseph Colombo	Agency counsel

PRESENT:

Tracy Moore	Chairperson
Delores Martin	Vice Chairperson
Adrian Moss-Beasley	Agency member
Larry Robinson	Agency member
Jewel Collins	Agency member
Ed Jones	Agency member (arrived 7:04pm)
Monica Arsenault	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Ruby Jenkins	Agency member
Joseph Colombo	Agency counsel (excused)

STAFF PRESENT:

Steven Belden, AICP, Community Services Director

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 November 21, 2016

- * **MOTION by Vice Chairperson Martin; SECONDED by Agency member Collins to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2016 with the exception that the Alliance for Neighborhood Restoration (ANR) Annual Report under Old Business be removed from the Agenda.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2016

- * **MOTION by Vice Chairperson Martin; SECONDED by Agency member Robinson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2016.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

III. DELEGATIONS:

NONE

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Diamond Square CRA Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Mr. Belden explained that the Brevard County Commission adopted new millage rates in September 2016 for FY 2017, which resulted in a reduction of the millage rate for the General Fund from 4.5497 to 4.3631 and an increase in the Recreation Special District IV Operating and Maintenance budget from 0.6281 to 0.7200. Furthermore, the Agency's TIF revenue will increase in FY 17 from \$114,250.00 to \$115,766.00 which is an increase of \$1,516.00. As there was a \$36.00 deficit in the Insurance account, \$36.00 was subtracted from the \$1,516.00 TIF revenue increase, leaving a total of \$1,480.00, which was then added to the Façade Program account.

Chairperson Moore stated that the Agency had already decided to budget the additional \$1,480.00 into the Training account during the last meeting, thus the motion remained to move \$1,480.00 from the Façade Program account to the Training account.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Alliance for Neighborhood Restoration FY 2017 Services Agreement

Chairperson Moore asked **Ms. McLaughlin** to clarify the some of the language of the services agreement. **Chairperson Moore** specifically inquired about the annual amount of youth in each program. **Delores** explained that 15 new youth are targeted during the summer. Approximately ten (10) to twenty (20) youth total are targeted for the Youth Director's Council, a total of both old and new participants. **Ms. McLaughlin** further explained that an average of six (6) to eight (8) spots are available for youths in the Phase Three program, On the Job Training, but that participants must first complete Phase Two, the Youth Director's Council program.

Ms. McLaughlin shared that ANR is considering a community day in October, to replace the Juneteenth festival in June. **Ms. McLaughlin** explained that the event will be similar to the Juneteenth festival. **Agency member Collins** expressed concerns in regards to the changes of the event. **Ms. McLaughlin** offered a compromise to **Agency member Collins** to offer a similar event to the children involved in the ANR Summer Program on a smaller scale than the Juneteenth festival.

* **MOTION by Agency member Robinson; SECONDED by Vice Chairperson Martin to authorize the execution of the FY 2017 Services Agreement with the Alliance for Neighborhood Restoration for services to residents of the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Area with the exception that there be a language adjustment regarding the placement of the words "new youth" throughout the services agreement.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

VII. AGENCY MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORT:

1. Update on Diamond Square CRA Signage – Funding Expiration

Mr. Belden explained that staff met with Public Works in regards to the addition of solar lights to the new Diamond Square signage, however, it did not seem feasible as the lights may not be durable enough to withstand certain weather conditions and the placement of the lights would be difficult. **Mr. Belden** further explained that the funds that were left over from the Diamond Square signage have now expired as FY 2016 has come to an

end, however; and suggested that as the year progresses the Agency may consider moving some of the funds from the Façade Grant account should they find that the funds are not being expended. **Chairperson Moore** asked that the Agency brainstorm ideas for improvements they would like to see on or around the Diamond Square signage.

Ms. Shauna Ginn, Cocoa Housing Authority, presented several updates to the Agency. **Ms. Ginn** stated that the security cameras have been installed, and although they are not currently in use, a training course for the Cocoa Police Department will be provided. **Ms. Ginn** also shared that the Cocoa Housing Authority received an underwriting agreement on October 28, 2016 which she explained is the first step towards obtaining \$13 million dollars that is needed to update 144 of their apartment units. **Ms. Ginn** explained that funding would still be needed for the remaining 183 apartment units.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency will be a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Stone Street.

* **MOTION by Agency member Collins; SECONDED by Vice Chairperson Martin to approve a Special Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 in place of the Regular Meeting on Monday, December 19, 2016.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Mr. Nathan Hooks came before the Agency to express his concerns about the security cameras that were installed at Peachtree Street and Pineapple Avenue, Fern Avenue, A Street, B Street, and C Street. **Mr. Hooks** also inquired about the mixed-use zoning along Stone Street and expressed concern about the lack of small businesses in the area. **Mr. Hooks** asked the Agency what projects they are working on with the City.

Chairperson Moore shared several projects that the Agency and City staff are working on. **Chairperson Moore** expressed to **Mr. Hooks** that the Agency would be happy to partner with anyone who would be willing to invest in the community and hear any ideas or concerns that the Diamond Square residents may have.

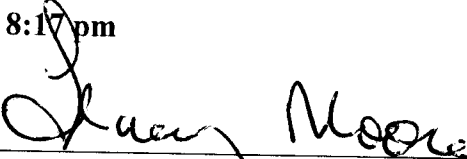
IX. ADJOURNMENT:

* **MOTION by Vice Chairperson Martin; SECONDED by Agency member Collins to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2016.**

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

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:17 pm



Tracy Moore, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



Monica Arsenault, Recording Secretary