

6MINUTES
CITY OF COCOA
DIAMOND SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency Board was held November 18, 2019 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publically noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Moore called meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Tracy Moore	Chairperson
Delores Martin	Vice Chairperson
Jewel Collins	Agency Member
Edward Jones	Agency Member
Larry Robinson	Agency Member
Sylvia Thomas	Agency Member
Joseph Colombo	Agency Counsel
Alex Goins	Council Liaison

PRESENT:

Tracy Moore	Chairperson
Delores Martin	Vice Chairperson
Jewel Collins	Agency Member
Larry Robinson	Agency Member
Alex Goins	Council Liaison
Courtney Jackson	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Ed Jones	Agency Member (arrived at 6:10 pm)
Sylvia Thomas	Agency Member (arrived at 6:16pm)
Joseph Colombo	Agency Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Darryl Niles, Redevelopment Program Services Director

Chairperson Moore provided the invocation and **Agency Member Robinson** 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 18, 2019

- * **MOTION by Vice Chair Martin; SECONDED by Agency Member Collins to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2019 as written.**

AYES: Moore, Martin, Collins, Robinson

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

Minutes: Minutes of October 21, 2019¹

- * **MOTION by Agency Member Collins; SECONDED by Agency Member Jones to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2019 as written.**

AYES: Moore, Martin, Collins, Jones, Robinson

MOTION CARRIED (5-0)

III. DELEGATIONS

None.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. FY202 Diamond Square CRA Meeting Calendar presented for review and approval.²**

Mr. Niles presented the Diamond Square meeting dates for FY 2020. The Diamond Square CRA Meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 6:00pm. The list below details the dates for the 2020 meetings:

- **February 3, 2020**
- **March 16, 2020**
- **April 20, 2020**
- **May 18, 2020**
- **June 15, 2020**
- **July 20, 2020**
- **August 17, 2020**
- **September 21, 2020**
- **October 19, 2020**
- **November 16, 2020**
- **December 14, 2020**

The third Mondays in both January and February are National Holidays. Thus, the meeting schedule includes a meeting on the first Monday February. This is to avoid

¹ Agency Member Jones arrived at 6:10pm

² Agency Member Thomas arrived at 6:16pm

having a meeting on December 21, which is only 4 days before the Christmas holiday.

* **MOTION MADE BY AGENCY MEMBER ROBINSON; SECONDED AGENCY MEMBER COLLINS BY TO APPROVE THE 2020 DIAMOND SQAURE CARA BOARD MEETING CALANDER.**

AYES: Moore, Martin, Collins, Jones, Robinson, Thomas

MOTION PASSES UNAMIOUSLY (6-0)

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

V. UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Informational Item- Project Updates

Mr. Niles announced that there is a now a new fence installed in the community garden, Leticia Griffith (potential community garden volunteer) will hopefully be approved by the December meeting and they are currently seeking quotes for lawn maintenance.

Chair Moore inquired on who will take care of the grass at the Community Garden.

Deputy Mayor Goins pointed out that the garden needs someone long-term and while he appreciates the Boy Scout's assistance with the upkeep, they need the Community to buy into helping the garden long-term as well.

Discussion between **Chair Moore** and **Mr. Niles** regarding lawn maintenance.

Agency Member Collins asked if there is someone supervising the garden.

Chair Moore explained the application status of the Leticia Griffith, who would serve as the supervisor for the Community Garden.

Agency Member Jones inquired in the irrigation system for the Community Garden.

Deputy Mayor Goins explained that it is reclaimed water, but pointed out that there is an option to use the well water.

Further discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the irrigation system of the Community Garden and how to avoid using reclaimed water.

Mr. Niles shared that the Diamond Square Initiative Report and the Alliance Neighborhood Restoration (ANR) Report are in their agenda packet for review and that the ANR representatives are in attendance.

Chair Moore commended the ANR report and the work that they do with the Diamond Square Community's children. She looks forward to their monthly report and thanked the representatives for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Niles shared the remaining updates:

- Construction on 405 Blake Ave. for the Adams Family is almost complete and Dedication Ceremony is anticipated in January.
- Two (2) of the six (6) female veteran homes are currently under construction on Whaley St.
- Dr. Joe Lee Smith Community Center is projected to be completed May 2020.

Agency Member Collins expressed she was surprised to see how large the new Civic Center is and that it is going to look good.

Chair Moore asked if they have decided who will be at the new Civic Center.

Mr. Niles replied that there is still open discussion on that.

Board discussion with Staff regarding the completion date of the pool at the Civic Center and pool operation times.

Deputy Mayor Goins added that he is pushing for having the pool open year-round and they have invested sixty thousand to seventy thousand (\$60k-\$70k) for a pool heater. He shared that is their goal moving forward and that the year-round pool would be a community asset.

Chair Moore suggested the pool area be enclosed.

Board discussion with Staff regarding pool programs.

Deputy Mayor Goins asked the Board to think of event ideas and how to involve the community for the grand opening of the Civic Center.

Chair Moore added that the grand opening of the Civic Center would be that much more special by making it a big, fun day involving the community.

2. Informational Item- Budget Report

Mr. Niles announced that the budget report is attached for review.

Chair Moore asked how to move forward as a board with the new Interlocal Agreement.

Deputy Mayor Goins expressed that he feels the Commissioners want a new Board, but the City Attorney feels differently. He explained it is up to them to appoint and re-appoint Board Members. While there is not yet consensus from Council, the City Attorney does not think the Interlocal Agreement reads that they need new members.

Mr. Niles shared that they are currently in a limbo period until more direction is given from County Commissioner and hopes more direction is provided at the next meeting.

Chair Moore urged that they should follow the agreement to the letter.

Further discussion between **Chair Moore, Vice Chair Martin,** and **Deputy Mayor Goins** regarding the Interlocal Agreement in terms of new members.

Agency Member Collins asked if the Board should come before Council when new members are being appointed.

Chair Moore felt that that it is a good idea to be in the room and **Deputy Mayor Goins** shared that new members would be appointed on the December 11, 2019 Council Meeting at 6pm.

Chair Moore felt it was important to have representation.

Board discussion with Staff of new businesses coming to the area.

Vice Chair Martin asked why the Diamond Square sign was shown on the news when talking about the Virgin Lines Train.

Deputy Mayor Goins explained that there have a couple discussions for stops and that it would be great to get a stop in Diamond Square.

Mr. Niles added that even if the stop is nearby, it still will create jobs, growth, and could create an opportunity for Diamond Square as well as for surrounding areas.

Further discussion regarding possible stops and track location.

Agency Member Collins congratulated Deputy Mayor Goins on his Deputy Mayor Election.

Deputy Mayor Goins announced that there is a Community Dinner on November 21st at the current Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center at 5pm and invited everyone to come.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency will be on Monday, December 16, at 6:00 PM at the Cocoa City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

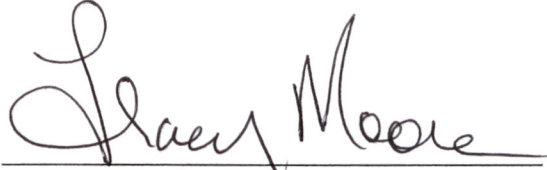
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MOTION by Agency Member Collins; SECONDED by Vice Chair Martin to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2019.

AYES: Moore, Martin, Collins, Jones, Robinson, Thomas

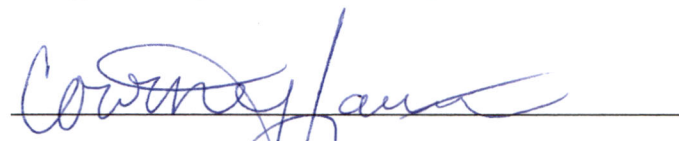
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:52 pm



Tracy Moore, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted By:



Courtney Jackson, Recording Secretary