MINUTES
CITY OF COCOA
COCOA CRA
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency was held on November 14, 2018 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairwoman Blanco called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

ROLL CALL:

Jeri Blanco	Vice Chairwoman
Brenda Warner	Agency member
Don Boisvert	Agency member
Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Agency member
Ed Lanni	Agency member
Jan Stewart	Agency member
Anthony Garganese	Agency Counsel

PRESENT:

Jeri Blanco	Vice Chairwoman
Brenda Warner	Agency member
Don Boisvert	Agency member
Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Agency member
Ed Lanni	Agency member
Jan Stewart	Agency member
Anthony Garganese	Agency Counsel
Torri Edwards	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:
John Titkanich, City Manager, **Matthew Fuhrer**, Assistant City Manager, **Karen Hamilton,** Community Services Director, and **Charlene Neuterman**, Redevelopment Program Manager.

Agency member Whipple, Jr. provided the invocation and **Agency member Boisvert** 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 14, 2018

* **MOTION by Agency member Boisvert; SECONDED by Agency member Lanni to approve the Agenda for the November 14, 2018 regular meeting.**

AYES: Blanco, Warner, Boisvert, Whipple, Jr., Lanni, Stewart

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

MINUTES: Regular Meeting of October 10, 2018

* **MOTION by Agency member Boisvert; SECONDED by Agency member Lanni to approve the Minutes for the October 10, 2018 regular meeting.**

AYES: Blanco, Warner, Boisvert, Whipple, Jr., Lanni, Stewart

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

III. DELEGATIONS:

1. **Ed Green-Request to Speak**
2. **Bob Harvey-Request to Speak**

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Agency approval of a Commercial Façade Improvement Program Grant Application for 225 King Street in the amount of $10,000.

Ms. Neuterman requested approval of a Commercial Façade Improvement Program Grant Application for 225 King Street in the amount of $10,000. She provided a brief summary of the planned improvements for the property.

Mike DiChristopher, of 225 King Street, stated that the owners are planning on opening a restaurant at this location. He would like to restore the building to the original design of the 1930's.

Agency member Whipple, Jr. inquired what type restaurant will this be. Mr. Di Christopher stated that the restaurant will specialize in making grilled cheese sandwiches.

* **MOTION by Agency member Whipple, Jr., SECONDED by Agency member Warner for approval of a Commercial Façade Improvement Program Grant Application for 225 King Street in the amount of $10,000.**

2. Approve a Budget Adjustment in the amount of $200 for the CRA Program Manager City issued Cell Phone.

Ms. Neuterman requested approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of $200 for the Redevelopment Program Manager city issued cell phone. She explained that the total cost of the cell phone is $410 and will be divided between the Cocoa CRA and Diamond Square CRA. The amount of $200 will be moved from Operating Supplies to Communication.

* **MOTION by Agency member Lanni, SECONDED by Agency member Whipple, Jr. to approve a Budget Adjustment in the amount of $200 for the Redevelopment Program Manager city issued Cell Phone.**

AYES: Blanco, Warner, Boisvert, Whipple, Jr., Lanni, Stewart

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

VI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

NONE

VII. UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. Informational item-Cocoa CRA Meeting Calendar for 2019

Ms. Neuterman provided the agency with a list of Cocoa CRA meeting dates for 2019. No action is required at this time.

2. Informational item-Project Updates

Ms. Neuterman provided project updates on the Riverfront Connector, Shoreline Restoration, T-Dock and Day Slip construction, finger piers, and Lee Wenner Park Security and Safety enhancements.

Mr. Fuhrer stated that the City hosted a public meeting last Thursday. He noted the first 2 (two) items moving forward are the T-Docks and Day Slips. They will be rebuilding and enhancing at the same time. Both projects are qualifying items for FEMA reimbursement and FEMA mitigation dollars. Public comments was taken for future design of the Boardwalk Promenade.

Agency member Warner noted that the public meeting was good and kept on focus.

3. Informational item-Waterfront Advisory Committee Petition

Ms. Neuterman stated that the petition was filed by the residence of Cocoa to form a Waterfront Advisory Committee. The residence would like more involvement in the decision making process regarding the waterfront. She noted that the waterfront projects are funded by the Cocoa CRA and staff will bring an agenda item to the Cocoa CRA meeting December 12, 2018.

Ed Green, of 104 Riverside Drive, asked if there is a conflict or reason that the residents can't have a Water Advisory Committee.

Mr. Titkanich noted that the city holds several public meetings to gather committee input and keep the community informed on waterfront projects and updates. He has reached out to the Florida Redevelopment Association to see if other CRA's have a waterfront committee.

Mr. Green noted that the committee should be viewed as a tool for the city to use the knowledge and expertise on demand.

Bob Harvey, of Riverside Drive, stated that the city needs to get out of the way for the citizens that want to do something for their community. The citizens are volunteering their time and expertise for the committee.

4. Information item-Proposed Hotel Project Update

Mr. Titkanich updated the board on developer meetings for the proposed hotel project.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Cocoa CRA will be a Regular Meeting, held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at Cocoa City Hall located at 65 Stone Street, unless a business need arises earlier.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

* **MOTION made by Agency member Whipple, Jr.; SECONDED by Agency member Boisvert to adjourn the regular meeting of November 14, 2018.**

AYES: Blanco, Warner, Boisvert, Whipple Jr., Lanni, Stewart

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:32 pm

Jake Williams, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted by:

Torri Edwards

Torri Edwards, Recording Secretary