MINUTES **DRAFT**
COCOA CRA
November 6, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency was held on November 6, 2023 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson BLAKE called the meeting to order at **6:00 pm**.

INVOCATION: Agency Member BARRINGER led the assembly in the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chairperson HEARN led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

Michael C. Blake	Chairperson
Lavander Hearn	Vice Chairperson
Matthew Barringer	Agency Member
Janne Etz	Agency Member
Alex Goins	Agency Member
Lorraine Koss	Agency Member
Candace Rogers	Agency Member
Anthony Garganese	Agency Attorney
Ryan Browne	Recording Secretary

PRESENT:

Michael C. Blake	Chairperson
Lavander Hearn	Vice Chairperson
Matthew Barringer	Agency Member
Janne Etz	Agency Member
Alex Goins	Agency Member
Lorraine Koss	Agency Member – via phone
Candace Rogers	Agency Member
Anthony Garganese	Agency Attorney
Ryan Browne	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Alex Goins	Agency Member

STAFF PRESENT:
City Manager WHITTEN and Community Services Director NEUTERMAN.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

AGENDA: Regular Meeting, November 6, 2023 as written or with amendments.

*** MOTION by Agency Member ETZ; SECONDED by Vice Chairperson HEARN to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2023, as written.**

AYES: BLAKE, HEARN, BARRINGER, ETZ, KOSS, ROGERS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

III. DELEGATIONS:

1. Alex Greenwood (action item V.2)

IV. PRESENTATIONS: None.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Request Agency approval of the Cocoa CRA Meeting Schedule for 2024.
   - i. Introduction. Director NEUTERMAN.
     1. On behalf of the Staff here at the Cocoa CRA we would like to welcome Agency Member Matthew Barringer to the Cocoa CRA Board.
     2. Explained the schedule, and the exceptions for special meetings due to holidays.
   - ii. Discussion.
     1. None.
   - iii. Vote.

***MOTION by Vice Chairperson HEARN; SECONDED by Chairperson BLAKE to approve the resolution.**

AYES: BLAKE, HEARN, BARRINGER, ETZ, KOSS, ROGERS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

2. Request Agency approval of a Resolution Amending the FY 2023 Budget, BAF# 23-134-IFT-2, to accept an Interfund transfer of $41,059 from the City's General Fund to the CRA's Fund Balance.
    i. Introduction. Director NEUTERMAN.
        1. Explained the Community Policing initiative.
        2. Budgeted versus Actual. Comp time vs. Overtime pay. We are going first in this two-part series with the City Council for the Interfund Transfer. We are going first for financial closeout reasons.
    ii. Discussion.
        1. Delegation: Mr. Alex Greenwood. Commercial Property Group in favor of this initiative. However, this still needs some fine tuning. We're trying to prevent issues that City of Melbourne faced. He believes that the hours are too late. The busiest time is actually at 9 PM. He believes that ordinances for noise will need to be addressed. Be proactive vs. reactive. Donna Ketna, he said, asked him to bring the issue of homeless issues persisting.
        2. Agency Member ROGERS. Thank the City for sending her and others to the Florida Redevelopment Association conference. One of the issues they addressed was Community Policing. The way we calculate the crime statistics should measure accurately. The police should be visible. We have five electric bikes. We want more visibility. The segways should be used as well. The merchants have a right to be able to do business. These small things can make a big difference. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design is going to be mandatory in Florida for multi-family dwellings over 5 units. Boats have been sitting for months.
        3. Agency Member BARRINGER. Question for staff. Redaction. What is the total difference. What is that for? Director NEUTERMAN taxes and insurance is the difference.
        4. Member ETZ, ready to vote to accept the money back from the City.
    iii. Vote.

***MOTION by Agency Member ETZ; SECONDED by Chairperson BLAKE to approve the resolution.**

AYES: BLAKE, HEARN, BARRINGER, ETZ, KOSS, ROGERS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

VI. <u>ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u> None.

VII. <u>UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS</u>:

1. Community Services Director – Staff Report.

i. **Reminder: Moore Center Centennial Celebration**
   1. Date: **Saturday, December 2, 2023**
   2. Time: **5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**
   3. Location: **Moore Center**

2. Agency Member ETZ. is celebrating 31 years in business, as of Dec. 2, 2023.
3. Vice Chairperson HEARN: FRA conference. Toured Jax Beach. They were faced with the same issue of parking. So, they built a lot of lots and affected the walkability. It hurt their identity. Pushback against over five stories. Keep in line with skyline.
4. Agency Member KOSS: plans to present at next meeting.
5. Member ROGERS: Toured Downtown Jacksonville. They created nine neighborhoods, each with a distinctive theme. They are connected by the Emerald Greenway, a spiderweb of connectivity. Major size projects, but, we could learn to connect ourselves. How to do Community Art. Set parameters and brand and a committee can work. When they ask for a project. An organization called Call for Entry. They can send out to gather estimates and set of guidelines. Let's talk about a category for this in the budget. Scenic Byways, be smart about progress. Learn to adapt to change, but, be smart about it. You don't have to accept the default façade can be conformed to your brand. Be thoughtful in your development.
6. Chairperson BLAKE: knowledge is power. Grateful for those who attended the conference. Thank you. Happy Thanksgiving! He recognized three gentlemen in the audience, visiting us: Jason Marrow, Eric Puma, and Former Florida State House Representative Ricardo Rengel. Also, recognized Nancy Elliott, and cited her as a major positive influence on our community.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, December 4, 2023, at **6:00 pm** in the Council Chambers located in Cocoa City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

* **MOTION by Vice Chairperson HEARN; SECONDED by Agency Member ETZ to adjourn the meeting.**

AYES: BLAKE, HEARN, BARRINGER, ETZ, KOSS, ROGERS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:29 PM.

Michael C. Blake

Michael C. Blake, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ryan Browne, Recording Secretary