

DIAMOND SQUARE

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Tracy Moore
Chairperson

Delores Martin
Vice Chairperson

Ed Jones
Board Member

Adrian Moss-Beasley
Board Member

Jewel Collins
Board Member

Ruby Jenkins
Board Member

Larry Robinson
Board Member

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, June 20, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Cocoa City Hall
65 Stone Street

- I. CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
AGENDA: Regular Meeting of June 20, 2016
MINUTES: Regular Meeting of April 18, 2016
- III. DELEGATIONS
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Diamond Square Signage Design
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. AGENCY MEMBER AND STAFF REPORTS
 1. Agency Budget Report
 2. Diamond Square Subdivision – Veterans' Housing Homeownership Program
- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency will be a Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016. The meeting will be held at Cocoa City Hall, located at 65 Stone Street.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

This is a public meeting. All interested parties may attend. The facility wherein this meeting will be held is accessible to the physically handicapped. Please be advised that more than one member of the City Council may attend. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, *Florida Statutes*, the City hereby advises the public that: if a person decides to appeal any decision made by this board with respect to any matter considered at its meeting or hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, affected persons may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, and such record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for the introduction or admission into evidence of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals otherwise allowed by law. This agenda is posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and at the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center in Cocoa for public review.

**MINUTES
CITY OF COCOA
DIAMOND SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency Board was held on Monday, April 18, 2016 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Tracy Moore	Chairwoman
Delores Martin	Vice Chairwoman
Adrian Moss-Beasley	Agency member
Jewel Collins	Agency member
Larry Robinson	Agency member
Monica Arsenault	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Edward Jones	Agency member (arrived 7:05 pm)
Ruby Jenkins	Agency member (arrived 7:17 pm)
Joseph Colombo	Agency Counsel
Michael Blake	Council Liaison (arrived 7:44 pm)

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan McGrady, CRA Program Manager

Agency member Collins 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 April 18, 2016

- * **MOTION by Agency member Collins; SECONDED by Vice Chairwoman Martin to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2016.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

MINUTES: Special meeting of March 28, 2016

- * **MOTION by Vice Chairwoman Martin; SECONDED by Agency member Collins to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 28, 2016.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. DELEGATIONS:

NONE

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commercial Façade Grant Application – 1060 W. King Street

Ms. McGrady provided the Agency with background information on the property. She shared that 1060 W. King Street was the former location of the Cocoa Enterprise Center. The property was purchased by Commerce Properties Enterprises LLC, who is now in the process of constructing a State of Florida Department of Corrections Parole and Probation Office. Commerce Properties will retain ownership and has a long term lease with the State. The building is 7,800 square feet which will include the addition of the new building, paving, security lighting and egress and ingress improvements. They will also be striping the sidewalk.

Justin Mortin, of Commerce Properties Enterprises, LLC, 317 Riveredge Boulevard, Cocoa, Florida, shared with the Agency that the old building sat vacant by the previous owner for several years. The State of Florida Department of Corrections Parole and Probation Office is relocating from Byrd Plaza to 1060 W. King Street in order to be located in the central Brevard area. **Mr. Mortin** explained that the ingress and egress will be located off of W. King Street as well as Varr Avenue. The entrance will be located on the north side of the building, and the parking lot and landscaping will front W. King Street to look aesthetically appealing. Parking will be available on the south, west, and north sides of the building. Security lighting will also be installed on Varr Avenue as well as Ohio Street.

Agency member Jones asked when construction would be completed. **Mr. Mortin** shared that the phone and internet service providers would be on site to set up on June 24, 2016 and the move in date for the State of Florida is July 1, 2016.

Chairwoman Moore inquired if the new location would be an expansion for the State of Florida Department of Corrections, if a larger building would have the ability to process more people, and what some of the major differences are from the old location in Byrd Plaza. **Mr. Mortin** expressed that one of the biggest differences between the two buildings is that The State of Florida Department of Corrections Parole and Probation Office will no longer be located in a retail shopping center. The new structure will be a stand-alone building and it will also be in close proximity with bus stops. The number of parolees is unknown, but there will be thirty three (33) full time employees.

Chairwoman Moore inquired about the Façade Program, specifically in reference to approving a façade grant for new construction versus refurbishing an existing building. **Ms. McGrady** articulated that the precedent was set with the new construction of Family Dollar. Family Dollar acquired three blighted sites, demolished what was there, put up a new building, and was approved for a façade grant by the Agency. **Ms. McGrady** expressed that staff looked at The State of Florida Department of Corrections Parole and Probation Office as a similar situation as it is more cost effective to demolish the old building and replace it with a new one.

Agency member Moss-Beasley asked whether or not any improvements would be made to the pedestrian walk ways across Highway 520. **Mr. Mortin** stated that he did not believe the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had any plans to improve the crosswalks across Highway 520.

- * **MOTION by Agency member Collins; SECONDED by Agency Member Jenkins to approve a request for a Commercial Façade Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Commercial Properties Enterprise, LLC for the property located at 1060 W. King Street.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

2. Stone Street Streetscaping Project – Phase 2 – Infrastructure Solution Services

Ms. McGrady presented a task order from Infrastructure Solution Services for the Agency's review. The task order is for the design and engineering of Phase 2 of the Streetscaping Project from west of the Washington Street intersection to Fiske Boulevard. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2017. **Ms.**

McGrady explained that **Mr. Vill**, from Infrastructure Solution Services, is in the process of coordinating the engineering plans in conjunction with the City's Utilities Department for replacing force water mains. Minimal stormwater work will be completed.

Ms. McGrady also mentioned that FDOT is in the process of completing a corridor study on Fiske Boulevard from I-95 to Cocoa City Limits on the other side of Highway 520. If any changes are made on Fiske Boulevard then it will be enhanced by the Streetscaping Project on Stone Street.

Mr. Vill approached the Agency to present details and answer questions about the Stone Street Streetscaping Project. He explained that sidewalks, street lights, and landscaping improvements will be included in the streetscaping.

Chairwoman Moore inquired about a time frame for when the design would be completed. **Mr. Vill** estimated 140 days, with a few public meetings scheduled prior to completion in order to review the progress with the Agency.

- * **MOTION by Vice Chairwoman Martin; SECONDED by Agency Member Collins to allocate \$40,000 for the Stone Street design and engineering Phase 2.**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

NONE

VIII. AGENCY MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORT:

- 1. Agency Budget Report** – provided monthly for review.

Shauna Ginn, from the Cocoa Housing Authority, provided the Agency with several updates. She stated that the porch lights would continue to be installed along the various neighborhoods that were chosen for the particular public housing project. In regards to the Safety and Security Grant, she stated that the electrical issue with the meters and the security cameras is currently being worked on.

Ms. Ginn shared that last year the Cocoa Housing Authority applied for additional funding for 250 apartments out of 327. This year, the Cocoa Housing Authority is applying for the remaining 77 apartments that were not funded.

Additionally, HUD has approved the release of 22 vacant lots by the Harry T. Moore Center that the City of Cocoa may be interested in purchasing.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting of the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency will be a Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 65 Stone Street.

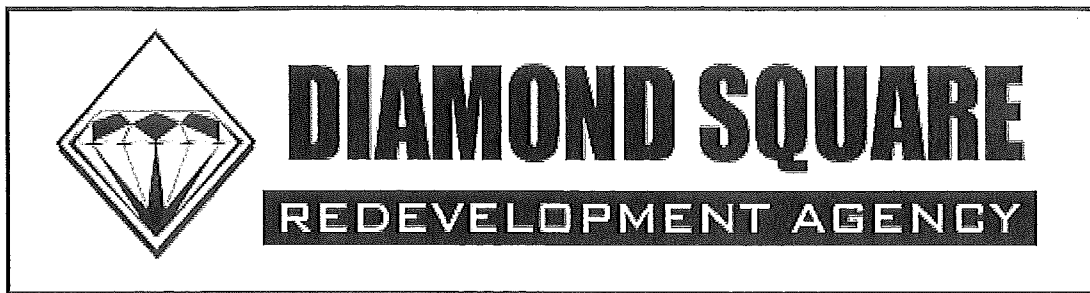
X. ADJOURNMENT:

- * MOTION by Agency member Collins; SECONDED by Vice Chairwoman Martin to adjourn the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2016.**

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

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00 p.m.



AGENDA ITEM V - 1
Diamond Square Signage Design

MEMO DATE: June 14, 2016
AGENDA DATE: June 20, 2016
PREPARED BY: Susan D. McGrady, CRA Program Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Provide comments on the proposed design of the Diamond Square CRA signage.

BACKGROUND

On April 16, 2016 the City of Cocoa and the Diamond Square CRA entered into an Interlocal Agreement for a \$25,000.00 Redevelopment Funding Contribution. As stated in Section 5.2 of the Agreement, \$10,000.00 of the funding will be used for design, construction and placement of signage and landscape beautification at key entry points in the Redevelopment Area.

STAFF COMMENTS

Since 2014, the City of Cocoa has been in the process of redesigning, constructing and installing new entry signage throughout the City. In an effort to continue the aesthetic details of the City's entry signage, the proposed Diamond Square Redevelopment Area signage has been formatted to be similar in design, shape and color.

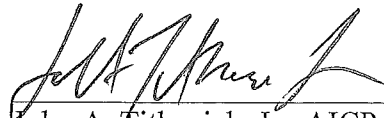
BUDGET IMPACT

There is no budgetary impact at this time.

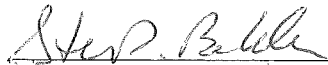
REVIEWED

The City Manager, Community Services Director and Deputy Community Services Director have reviewed this agenda item.

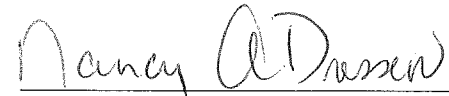
City Manager


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Community Services Director


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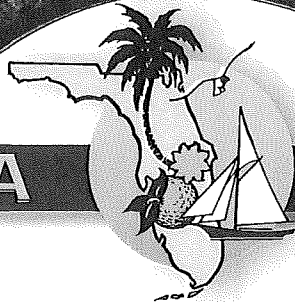
Deputy Community Services Director


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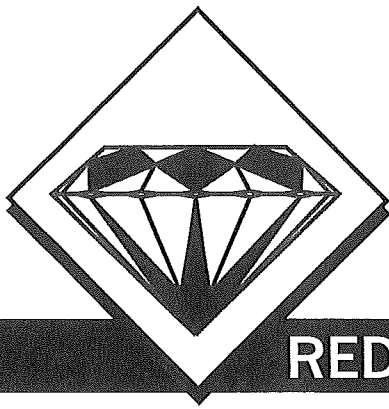
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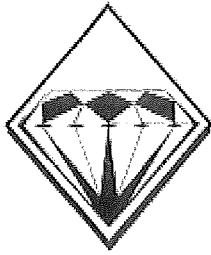


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AGENDA ITEM VII - 1 Agency Budget Report

MEMO DATE: June 9, 2016
AGENDA DATE: June 20, 2016
PREPARED BY: Susan D. McGrady, CRA Program Manager
REQUESTED ACTION: Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Update

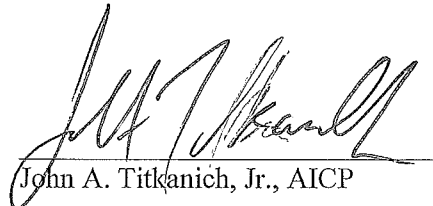
BACKGROUND

The current Detail Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2016 indicates fifty percent (50%) of the fiscal year has elapsed. As of the report dated June 9, 2016 all Agency accounts have funds available to meet current and future obligations.

REVIEWED

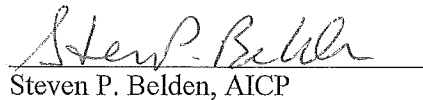
The following have reviewed this agenda item:

City Manager



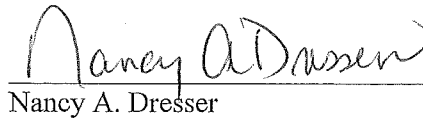
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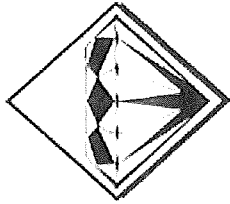
Deputy Community Services Director



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REQUESTED MOTION

None, this is an informational item.



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FUND 111 - 50% of Year Lapsed

	Amended Budget	YTD Actual Transactions	% Used/Rec'd
REVENUE			
TIF	85,987	85,987.00	100%
INTEREST	-	53.43	
CARRYFORWARD	211,645	211,645.00	100%

REVENUE TOTALS	297,632	297,685.43	100%
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EXPENSE			
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	16,135	7,617.67	47%
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	37,403	19,598.31	52%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	227,966	10,914.00	5%
GRANTS, AIDS AND OTHER	16,128	-	0%
EXPENSE TOTALS	138,523	38,129.98	28%

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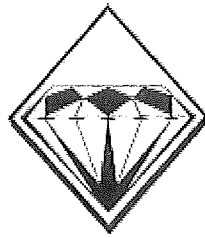
FUND 111 CRA DIAMOND SQUARE 626

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	***** ESTIMATED	CURRENT ACTUAL	***** %REV	***** ESTIMATED	YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL	***** %REV	ANNUAL ESTIMATE	UNREALIZED BALANCE
330	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE								
338	00 00 SHARED REVENUE LOCAL UNIT	7,161	.00		43,022	85,987.00	200	85,987	.00
338	** SHARED REVENUE LOCAL UNIT	7,161	.00		43,022	85,987.00	200	85,987	.00
330	*** INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	7,161	.00		43,022	85,987.00		85,987	.00
360	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES								
361	10 00 INTEREST AND OTHER EARNING	0	10.29		0	53.43		0	53.43-
10 10	INTEREST SBA	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
10 *	INTEREST	0	10.29		0	53.43		0	53.43-
38 00	NET INC/DEC-FMV INVESTMNT	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
361	** INTEREST AND OTHER EARNING	0	10.29		0	53.43		0	53.43-
366	00 00 CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
366	** CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
369	90 00 OTHER MISC REVENUES	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
369	** OTHER MISC REVENUES	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
360	*** MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	0	10.29		0	53.43		0	53.43-
380	OTHER SOURCES (NON-REV)								
381	91 01 INTERFUND TRANSFER	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
91 10	GENERAL FUND (001)	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
91 *	TRANSFER FROM REDEVELOP	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
381	** INTERFUND TRANSFER	0	.00		0	.00		0	.00
389	99 10 NON OPERATING SOURCES	20,353	.00		89,524	.00		211,645	211,645.00
389	** CASH CARRY FORWARD	20,353	.00		89,524	.00		211,645	211,645.00
380	*** NON OPERATING SOURCES	20,353	.00		89,524	.00		211,645	211,645.00
FUND TOTAL	CRA DIAMOND SQUARE 626	27,514	10.29		132,546	86,040.43		297,632	211,591.57
GRAND TOTAL		27,514	10.29		132,546	86,040.43		297,632	211,591.57

FUND 111 CRA DIAMOND SQUARE 626		DEPT/DIV 3230 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CRA ADMIN/OPERATIONS										*****CURRENT***** YEAR-TO-DATE*****	
SUB	OBJ	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%EXP	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%EXP	ENCUMBR.	ANNUAL BUDGET	UNENCUMB. BALANCE	%	BUDT
55	559	ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT											
12	00	OTHER ECONOMIC ENVIRON											
12	00	REGULAR SALARIES & WAGES	981	1111.92	113	5890	5530.92	94	.00	11787	6256.08	47	
12	10	SALARY ADJUSTMENT	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0	
12	11	LEAVE INCENTIVE SELL BACK	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0	
12	**	REGULAR SALARIES & WAGES	981	1111.92	113	5890	5530.92	94	.00	11787	6256.08	47	
14	00	OVERTIME	1	.00	0	2	5.79	290	.00	6	.21	97	
14	**	OVERTIME	1	.00	0	2	5.79	290	.00	6	.21	97	
21	00	FICA TAXES	79	88.40	112	474	442.07	93	.00	949	506.93	47	
21	**	FICA TAXES	79	88.40	112	474	442.07	93	.00	949	506.93	47	
22	00	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	71	80.75	114	426	402.07	94	.00	857	454.93	47	
22	**	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	71	80.75	114	426	402.07	94	.00	857	454.93	47	
23	00	LIFE/HEALTH INSURANCE	158	159.04	101	948	929.31	98	.00	1906	976.69	49	
23	**	LIFE/HEALTH INSURANCE	158	159.04	101	948	929.31	98	.00	1906	976.69	49	
24	00	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	2	2.92	146	12	15.51	129	.00	30	14.49	52	
24	**	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	2	2.92	146	12	15.51	129	.00	30	14.49	52	
27	00	CAFETERIA PLAN	50	50.00	100	300	292.00	97	.00	600	308.00	49	
27	**	CAFETERIA PLAN	50	50.00	100	300	292.00	97	.00	600	308.00	49	
31	00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2166	2083.33	96	11996	10416.65	87	14583.35	25000	.00	100	
31	01	LEGAL EXPENSES	166	145.00	87	996	145.00	15	1855.00	2000	.00	100	
31	**	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2332	2228.33	96	12992	10561.65	81	16438.35	27000	.00	100	
34	00	CONTRACT SERVICES	625	355.86	57	3750	2074.85	55	1368.00	7500	4057.15	46	
34	**	CONTRACT SERVICES	625	355.86	57	3750	2074.85	55	1368.00	7500	4057.15	46	
39	00	CONTINGENCY	29	.00	0	174	.00	0	.00	359	359.00	0	
39	**	CONTINGENCY	29	.00	0	174	.00	0	.00	359	359.00	0	
40	00	TRAVEL & PER DIEM	149	.00	0	894	1694.81	190	.00	1790	95.19	95	
40	**	TRAVEL & PER DIEM	149	.00	0	894	1694.81	190	.00	1790	95.19	95	

FUND 111 CRA DIAMOND SQUARE 626			DEPT/DIV 3230 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CRA ADMIN/OPERATIONS									
BA ELE OBJ ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION			*****CURRENT***** YEAR-TO-DATE*****									
SUB	SUB	SUB	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%EXP	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%EXP	ENCUMBR.	ANNUAL BUDGET	UNENCUMB. BALANCE	% BDDT
55		ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT										
559		OTHER ECONOMIC ENVIRON										
41	00	COMMUNICATION	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
41	**	COMMUNICATION	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
42	00	POSTAGE & FREIGHT	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
42	**	POSTAGE & FREIGHT	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
44	00	RENTALS AND LEASES	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
44	**	RENTALS AND LEASES	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
45	00	INSURANCE	347	.00	0	2082	4004.00	192	.00	4169	165.00	96
45	**	INSURANCE	347	.00	0	2082	4004.00	192	.00	4169	165.00	96
46	03	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
46	**	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
47	00	PRINTING & BINDING	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
47	**	PRINTING & BINDING	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
48	00	PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
48	**	PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
49	00	OTHER CHARGES & OBLIG.	33	.00	0	198	78.00	39	.00	400	322.00	20
49	**	OTHER CHARGES & OBLIG.	33	.00	0	198	78.00	39	.00	400	322.00	20
52	00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
52	30	FUEL OIL & LUBRICANTS	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
52	**	OPERATING SUPPLIES	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
54	00	MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICATIONS	14	.00	0	84	175.00	208	.00	175	.00	100
54	**	MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICATIONS	14	.00	0	84	175.00	208	.00	175	.00	100
55	00	TRAINING	84	.00	0	504	1010.00	200	.00	1010	.00	100
55	**	TRAINING	84	.00	0	504	1010.00	200	.00	1010	.00	100

FUND 111 CRA DIAMOND SQUARE 626		DEPT/DIV 3230 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CRA ADMIN/OPERATIONS									
BA ELE OBJ ACCOUNT		*****CURRENT***** YEAR-TO-DATE*****									
SUB	SUB	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%EXP	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%EXP	ENCUMBR.	ANNUAL BUDGET	UNENCUMB. BALANCE	% BDT
55	ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT										
559	OTHER ECONOMIC ENVIRON										
61	LAND	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
61	LAND	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
63	INFRASTRUCTURE										
63	INFRASTRUCTURE	21713	.00	0	97684	10914.00	11	2052.50	227966	214999.50	6
63	INFRASTRUCTURE	21713	.00	0	97684	10914.00	11	2052.50	227966	214999.50	6
64	MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT										
64	MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
64	IT HARDWARE	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
64	MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
65	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS										
65	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
65	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
82	AID PRIVATE ORGANIZATION										
82	AID PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
82	AID PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	0	.00	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	.00	0
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3230	CRA ADMIN/OPERATIONS	27507	4077.22	15	132504	38129.98	29	19858.85	297632	239643.17	20
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FUND	TOTAL *****										
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GRAND	TOTAL *****	27507	4077.22	15	132504	38129.98	29	19858.85	297632	239643.17	20



DIAMOND SQUARE

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM VII - 2

Diamond Square Subdivision – Veterans' Homeownership Initiative

MEMO DATE: June 14, 2016
AGENDA DATE: June 20, 2016
PREPARED BY: Susan D. McGrady, CRA Program Manager

REQUESTED ACTION:

Provide direction to allow staff to seek funds for the development of the Diamond Square Subdivision as part of the City of Cocoa's Veterans' Homeownership Initiative

BACKGROUND

At the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency (DSRA) Board Meeting held on May 19, 2008 the Board voted to approve a Letter of Intent for the purchase of the old Skyview Trailer Park property located at 533 Bernard Street and also authorized staff to negotiate a Sales Contract with the owner/owners. Subsequently, at the meeting held on June 16, 2008 the Board approved the purchase of the property which was completed on July 18, 2008.

On August 8, 2014 the Diamond Square Subdivision was recorded with the Brevard County Clerk of Courts. Contained in the Subdivision are six (6) lots, specifically for single-family homes, whose addresses are 430, 450, 470, 490, 510, and 530 Whaley Street.

STAFF COMMENTS

The City of Cocoa Housing & Neighborhood Services Division has had a long tradition of partnering with the State of Florida and the Brevard County HOME Consortium for funding sources to provide affordable housing for citizens as well as infrastructure improvements for drainage, curbing and sidewalks. In 2011 and in 2014 the City partnered with Brevard County and the Diamond Square CRA to provide funding for drainage improvements throughout the DSRDA and to construct a stormwater pond on the CRA's property on Bernard Street. The projects received \$817,774 in County funds. In 2015, the City partnered with the City of Palm Bay to complete the construction of four (4) homes within the Regina Myra Subdivision (357, 361 Lucas Lane and 412, 416

D Street). The project received \$49,391 from the City of Palm Bay. Currently, the City is working on a partnership with Brevard County to complete the construction of the remaining four (4) homes within the Regina Myra Subdivision (345, 349 Lucas Lane and 400, 404 D Street). The project is anticipated to receive \$303,919 from Brevard County.

The City is now examining the possibility of providing single-family home ownership opportunities for Veterans' and their families. The City of Palm Bay has initiated a similar program called Homes for Warriors. The City of Palm Bay's qualifications for receiving a home under the Homes for Warriors Program are:

- Must be a combat wounded veteran or served in Operation Enduring Freedom and/or Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Must be honorably retired or separated from the military. (Those with compelling situations, who are less than 90 days from retirement or separation, may be considered).
- Must not currently have a mortgage.

The qualifications for the Homes for Warriors Program may not necessarily be the same qualifications for the City's Veteran's Homeownership Initiative. As the City develops its Veterans' Homeownership Initiative, there is the possibility that the Diamond Square Subdivision can participate by donating the six (6) single-family lots for the construction of the homes. Staff is seeking direction on whether the board would support the future donation of these lots for such an initiative.

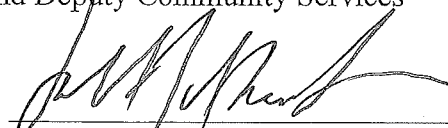
BUDGET IMPACT

None at this time. This is an information item.

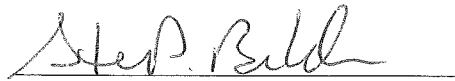
REVIEWED

The City Manager, Community Services Director and Deputy Community Services Director have reviewed this agenda item.

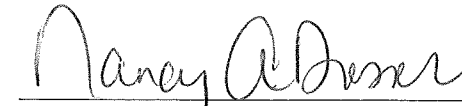
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