



**CITY OF BRADENTON
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

The meeting of the City of Bradenton Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chairman Harold Byrd, Jr., during the City Council meeting which was temporarily recessed.

In Attendance: Mayor Poston, Councilpersons, Gallo, Brown, Roff, Smith, and Byrd
Carl Callahan, City Administrator; Bill Lisch, City Attorney;
Catherine Hartley, Planning Director; Chuck Edwards, Fire Chief;
Melanie Bevan, Police Chief; and Jim McLellan, Public Works Director

Meeting Summary

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of November 16, 2016 CRA Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 16, 2016 CRA MINUTES was made by Councilman Roff, seconded by Councilman Smith, and approved 5:0.

New Business:

Downtown District

Carl Callahan stated that a workshop for the Downtown Development Authority Board was scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, at 8:30 a.m. which would include further discussion about the streetscape work on Old Main Street. Also included would be a discussion with the board members to determine what target areas they would like to focus on going forward.

CCRA District

Still requiring action is a response to Beneficial regarding plans for the 13th Avenue site in the CCRA. Also further discussion was needed about options for Lincoln Village if the tax application was not successful. The possibility of working with Beneficial to do something similar to what had been done on the Manatee Inns site needed to be determined.

14th Street District

The Grand Palms senior housing facility is under construction. By spring, results of the tax applications should be known.

General Discussion

Ward 1: Nothing to report

Ward 2: Nothing to report

Ward 3: Councilman Roff reported that he had been working with the DDA and Code Enforcement to improve various areas. In the 14th Street District, near the newly remodeled veterinarian hospital, the FDOT drainage collection center seems to be stalled. The DDA was working with the Humane Society which was going to paint their other two buildings to blend in with the remodeled buildings in the area to improve the visual impact in the area.

Mr. Callahan said that the impediments to developments in the Village of the Arts were going to be focused upon. Mr. Roff added that the VOTA board had met with City Departments and had a good discussion about how to work better together to advance the Village and attract new artists.

Ward 4: Nothing to report.

Ward 5: Councilman Byrd requested a status report on the search for the position of Economic Development Director. Mr. Callahan stated all applications had been received and would be provided to Council. He asked that those of interest be selected for further pursuit and personal interviews.

There being no further business, Chairman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio CD or DVD recording of the meeting is available for a fee upon request.