

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

A Regular Community Redevelopment Meeting was held on May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall and via GoToMeeting (408)-650-3123 - Access Code: 765-166-397.

CRA Board Chairperson Kenneth Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Present were members Steven F. Spina, Ph.D., Kenneth Burgess, Lance Smith and Mayor Melonie Bahr Monson. Charles Proctor and Jodi Wilkeson arrived at 5:04 p.m. City Manager William Poe and City Manager Matthew Maggard were present.

Staff present: Police Chief Derek Brewer, CRA Director Gail Hamilton, Utility Director John Bostic, Finance Director Ted Beason, IT Director Mike Panak, Public Information Officer Kevin Weiss, Finance Supervisor Jessica Carter and City Clerk Lori Hillman.

1. BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 Reorganization of CRA Board

Board Chairperson

Charles Proctor nominated Steve Spina as Board Chairperson. Seconded by Lance Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Vice Chairperson

Lance Smith nominated Jodi Wilkeson as Board Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Charles Proctor. Motion passed unanimously.

1.2 Approval of February 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Lance Smith moved to approve the February 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Jodi Wilkeson. Motion passed unanimously.

1.3 Approval of March 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Lance Smith moved to approve the March 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Jodi Wilkeson. Motion passed unanimously.

1.4 Presentation of 2023 CRA Audit – Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Lance Smith moved to approve the 2023 CRA Audit – Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Jodi Wilkeson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. CRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CRA Director Gail Hamilton presented the following update:

- Construction continues at Hercules Park with staff working with consultants on historic signs.
- Staff is currently working with GAI on the CRA Master Plan.
- A Community Open House will be held on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Thursday, May 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.
- Public Works is currently reviewing BGE construction plans for Oakside Cemetery.
- Staff is working with BGE to create a Tremendous Tree Program.
- A structural engineer is working on Gateway signage for 5th Avenue and Hercules Park.
- Staff is working with BGE to create an interactive map for events and parades downtown.
- Landscape Architecture Analyst James Pankonin with Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc. will make a presentation to Council on the design of Hercules Park.
- Staff is working with Main Street's Design Committee to create an RFQ for public artists to be utilized on multiple projects.
- The Gateway Project is moving forward to build townhomes.
- CRA Director Gail Hamilton said Main Street received 1.25M in state appropriations funding with the assistance of Senator Danny Burgess and Representative Randy Maggard. The purchase of the Home Theatre was \$667,000 and will close by the end of May 2024. A current tenant has a lease through the end of July 2024. In the meantime, staff is working on an RFQ to hire an architect and engineer to begin planning for a Cultural Arts Center.

- Tina and Joe's Café is open every day and Joe is working on securing a fruits and vegetable person on the bottom floor of the Carriage House. The lease will be revisited following the restaurant announcing they will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

3. MAIN STREET ACTIVITY REPORT

CRA Director Gail Hamilton said downtown speakers have been updated and music is playing. The Class of 2024 graduate's parade was held on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Halloween Howl and Festival of Lights participant information has been updated on Main Street's website. In an effort to recruit more floats, Main Street will host a public campaign on floats in other small towns to inspire people to build a float and participate. Numbers are up on Facebook and Instagram. Main Street Director Antwon Gildon is working hard and doing a wonderful job.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 5:47 p.m.
Submitted by Lori L. Hillman