

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Seventy Fifth Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 4:02 P.M.

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. with Chairman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member; and Jamal Lee, CRA Member present. Robert Love, Acting Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development; Leigha Steele, Economic Development Coordinator; and Nathaniel A. Forman, O'Malley, Miles, Nylen, and Gilmore, P.A.; were also in attendance.

- Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of April 21, 2021, Mike McGowan motioned, Jamal Lee seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

- Robert Love is the new Director of the City of Laurel's Department of Economic and Community Development
- Farmer's Market Lot Improvement Grant - Committee discussion about options for shade structure
 - Mike McGowan and Chairman Crary visited the Maple Lawn development to view their shade structure and picnic tables
 - DPW will be installing the picnic tables
 - Leigha Steele will provide updates – waiting to receive funds from the State before moving forward

Old Business:

- Chairman Crary met with Anne Bennett of the Laurel Historic Society
 - The LHS would like to partner with the CRA for projects at the Mansion
 - The LHS is able to do research and help with the exhibit room and interpretive signage

The CRA adjourned into closed session at 4:30 p.m. to consider the acquisition of real property and to consult with legal counsel.

The CRA reconvened the regular meeting at 4:32 p.m.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2021 at 4pm.