

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Seventy Second Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 4:15 P.M.

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. with Chairman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member; and Jamal Lee, CRA Member present. Christian Pulley, 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 February 29th, Jamal Lee motioned, Mike McGowan seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

- Gude Mansion Updates
 - A1 HVAC
 - Installed the split AC and Heat systems
 - Waiting to receive a contract from A1
 - Plantings are completed, but new annuals will be added every year
 - Tours and Ribbon Cutting
 - The City wants to start doing tours with 10 people at a time
 - A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled by the City
 - Proposal from Mike McGowan for the City to post a virtual tour of Gude on Laurel TV
 - Jamal Lee proposed for Gude to have its own website in preparation for booking rentals
- Friends of the Patuxent would like the CRA to add sustainable to the mission statement
 - Donna Crary said that it will be considered the next time the mission statement is updated
- Foreclosure List provided by the City's finance department, the list will be emailed to the CRA members by Leigha Steele

Old Business:

- Gude Updates
 - Furniture added to Gude: Mirror in the groom's room, Ottoman seating in the bride's room, and a Clothing rack
 - Cement platform for pergola needs to be installed
 - Exhibit room sign was purchased from Dottie's Trophies

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 4:39 p.m.

- B Street Development Update
 - The owner has received concept approval
 - Must go through the Planning Commission to get the final site and landscape plan approved, and plat and consolidation

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.