

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Eighty-Sixth Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 4:04 P.M.

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting being held at Gude Mansion was called to order at 4:04 p.m. with Chairman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairwoman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member, Carlos Lancaster, CRA Member, and Jamal Lee, CRA Member present. Nate Forman, City Solicitor, and Robert Love, Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development were also in attendance.

Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of July 20, 2022, Mike McGowan motioned, Carlos Lancaster seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote 4-0.

New Business:

1. New Business:

a) Welcome new Economic Development Coordinator Cesar Cucufate.

-Director Love stated that Cesar was not present at this meeting but that he had been hired as the new Economic Development Coordinator with the city.

b) Discuss possible shed and umbrella choices for Farmers Market Lot.

-Director Love showed the committee examples of various sheds that the City was looking to purchase with the remaining grant money from the grant for the Farmers Market Lot at 378 Main Street. Of the options, the committee liked the metal shed with a wood-like finish. Chairwoman Crary suggested that staff look at Sams Club for possible deals on sheds that could be at a lower price than what was presented. Mr. Lee noted that staff should look into getting solar lights for the property. Director Love also showed examples of solar umbrellas that had phone charging capabilities.

The committee was not in favor of these umbrellas for the site and wanted staff to look at umbrellas that may include lighting in them or that were more visually pleasing. Director Love informed the committee that whatever money was left from the shed purchase would be used towards the umbrellas. The committee agreed that more money would most likely be needed. On the motion by Mr. Lancaster and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve extra funding for the shed and umbrellas at 378 Main Street for up to \$800. Motion carried unanimous roll call vote of 4-0.

c) Purchase a sandwich board sign for Farmers Market Lot

-Director Love asked the committee if they would be interested in splitting the cost of two sandwich board signs purchased for 378 Main Street. The cost to the CRA would be \$59.99. On the motion by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve funding for a sandwich board sign at 378 Main Street for \$59.99. Motion carried unanimous roll call vote of 4-0.

d) Trick or Treat on Main

-Director Love discussed using the lot at 378 Main Street as a centralized location for the Trick or Treat on Main for city officials during the event.

e) Name change for 378 Main Street

-Chairwoman Crary discussed a possible name change for the lot at 378 Main Street. Several ideas were discussed without a final name being chosen to present to the administration.

2. Closed Session:

-The CRA went into closed session to discuss a private matter with the City Solicitor. The CRA came out of closed session at 4:45 pm.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 4pm at Gude Mansion.