

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Ninety-Sixth Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – 4:00 PM

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting being held at Gude Mansion was called to order at 4:04 pm with Chairwoman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairwoman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member present, and Sean LeVere, CRA Member present. Nathaniel Foreman, City Solicitor and Robert Love, Community & Economic Development Director were also in attendance.

Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of November 15, 2023. Mike McGowan motioned; Sean LeVere seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote 3-0.

Old Business:

- **a. Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies**

Director Love shared information about several ribbon cuttings that had taken place in the City which included KPOT, Wawa, Maryland Electrolysis Education Center, GiGi's Ice Cream, and Acapulco Restaurant.

New Business:

- a) Small Business Roundtable**

Director Love discussed that the Laurel Board of Trade was going to host a Small Business Roundtable on January 23rd from 6 to 8 pm in City Council chambers. Mr. McGowan brought up the possibility of using Gude Mansion in the future for networking events that could also include food trucks in the parking lot.

- b) Restaurant Week**

Director Love discussed the upcoming first Restaurant Week in the City of Laurel that will be held February 17 to 24. He discussed the participating restaurants and menus they would be offering.

Closed Session:

- The CRA commenced a closed session with the city attorney to discuss a real estate matter at 4:21 p.m.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m. The next meeting will take place February 21, 2024.