

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Ninety-Seventh Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 – 4:00 PM

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting being held at Gude Mansion was called to order at 4:02 pm with Chairwoman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairwoman; Carlos Lancaster, 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 January 17, 2023. Carlos Lancaster motioned; Sean LeVere seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote 3-0.

Old Business:

a) Small Business Roundtable

Director Love discussed the Laurel Board of Trade hosting a Small Business Roundtable on January 23rd from 6 to 8 pm in City Council chambers. He talked about the great turnout, information provided to the business owners both in general and in one on one conversations.

b) Laurel Eats Restaurant Week

Director Love discussed first Restaurant Week in the City of Laurel that was taking place until February 24th. He stated that eleven (11) restaurants took part in the week and that the feedback was good to that point.

New Business:

a) Parks and Recreation Promotion of The Mansion

Director Love discussed that Parks and Recreation would be doing more of a push of the Mansion on social media, the website, and in general for booking the Mansion for events.

b) Mapping Pathway Around Lake to Mansion

Chairwoman Crary discussed getting the pathway from Laurel Lake mapped out to the Mansion. She discussed the possibility of mile markers, possible workout stations, and

other signage along the way. Wanted to see if GIS could assist in this process and possible T-Mobile Grant.

Closed Session:

- The CRA commenced a closed session with the city attorney to discuss a real estate matter at 4:18 p.m.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m. The next meeting will take place March 20, 2024.