

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Ninety-Ninth Meeting

Wednesday, April 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; Carlos Lancaster, CRA Member present, and Sean LeVere, CRA Member present. Nathaniel Foreman, City Solicitor and Charise Liggins, Economic Development Coordinator, were also in attendance.

Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of March 20, 2024. Sean LeVere motioned; Carlos Lancaster seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote 3-0.

Old Business:

a) Mapping Pathway Around Lake to Mansion

Chairwoman Crary opened discussion about the next steps for mapping pathway. Mr. LeVere inquired about the timeline for making improvements. Chairwoman Crary suggested that the first step should be to install mile markers, then butterfly bushes, benches and potentially reach out to the Arts Council to help with projects like adding artwork to trash bins.

b) AI for Business Training

Economic Development Coordinator Ms. Liggins provided an update on the AI for Business Training that was held on Thursday, April 11th at the Joseph R. Robison Laurel Municipal Center. Mo Hasan, founder of IntuPower, facilitated the training and provided about 20 businesses with practical tips for using AI responsibly to improve their business.

New Business:

a) Farmers Market Update

Chairwoman Crary suggested that the CRA attend the first Farmers Market to kickoff the season on May 2nd.

b) 378 Main Street Dedication

Chairwoman Crary shared an update on the dedication at the upcoming Farmers Market and is in the process of coordinating a location for the plaque on the lot.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will take place May 15, 2024.