

# **Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)**

One Hundredth and fifth Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 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, Carlos Lancaster, CRA Member and Sean LeVere, CRA Member present. Nathaniel Foreman, City Solicitor, Miles Roesner, IT GIS Specialist, Sam Braden IV, Economic and Community Development Deputy Director and Sadaf Parveen, Economic Development Coordinator, were also in attendance.

**Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of November 20, 2024. Mike McGowan motioned; Carlos Lancaster seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote 4-0.**

## **Old Business:**

### **a) Mapping Pathway Around Lake to Mansion**

- Chairwoman Crary discussed the changes on the proposed map by IT GIS Specialist, Miles Roesner. The map shows different mile path options by colors and mile markers.
- CRA Member, Mike McGowan suggested easy ways to find different pathway combinations so it can be simple and user-friendly when looking at the map online.
- CRA Member, Sean LeVere suggested ways to promote the pathways/trails by posting on social media pages such as Facebook and collaborating with the Walk with The Mayor annual event.
- IT GIS Specialist, Miles Roesner suggested to mark Starbucks and restaurant on the map to drive traffic and engagement for the pathways/trails.

### **b) Introduction of Sam Braden IV, new Deputy Director of ECD**

- Sam Braden IV introduced himself as the new Deputy Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development. He shared his extensive background in planning and working in neighboring counties.

- Deputy Director Sam Braden shared updates on the Master Plan update including that Sustainability and Economic Development are new areas that will be introduced on the Master Plan.

**New Business:**

**a) Laurel Farmers Market 2025**

- Economic Development Coordinator Ms. Parveen shared that The Laurel Farmers Market will begin on every Thursday starting May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**b) Small Business Roundtable 1.28.25**

- Economic Development Coordinator Ms. Parveen shared that the Laurel Board of Trade were hosting their annual Small Business Roundtable on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm in the City Council Chambers.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting will take place on February 19, 2025.