

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

One Hundredth and seventh Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 – 4:00 PM

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting being held at Gude Mansion was called to order at 4:00 pm with Chairwoman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairwoman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member, Carlos Lancaster, CRA Member Sean LeVere, CRA Member, and Jamal Lee, CRA Member joined at 4:35 pm. Nathaniel Foreman, City Solicitor, Miles Roesner, IT GIS Specialist, Bill Baily, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Monta Burrough, Director of Economic and Community Development were also in attendance.

Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of February 19, 2025. Sean motioned; Carlos seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote 4-0.

Old Business:

a) Mapping Pathway Around Lake to Mansion

- Bill Bailey, Director of Parks and Recreation presented the pathway signage which had the tree logo and QR code. The QR code will tell you the miles, one mile, two miles, etc. The group discussed that the QR code should be placed on both the signs and the website for convenience. For the wording on the signage, it was emphasized that the path is a natural trail. The designs on the signs will include a picture of the mansion, a tree logo, and QR code linking to the trail information.
- Bill Bailer informed in the trail area from the 2nd lake to Van Dusen you cannot put permanent structure in the stormwater area due to flood risks, and instead bring in larger rock to create secure footing to make the trail more accessible for walkers and bikers.
- Trail Maintenance will be minimum, with a mowing schedule to cut grass monthly by Parks and Recreation by the 2nd lake and Van Dusen. The natural areas may need periodic rock adjustments to keep water from eroding the path.
- The goal of the trail development will be to emphasize education and awareness of the natural environment, encouraging community engagement.

New Business:

a) Farmers Market Facebook Page

- The committee members discussed the Farmers Market Facebook name page ideas. The new name for the Farmers Market Facebook page is Laurel Market on Main.

b) Upcoming ECD Events

- Economic and Community Development Director, Monta Burrough shared two upcoming events for ECD: Equity Roundtable on March 26th from 6-7:30 pm at City Hall and Housing Resource Fair on April 19th from 12-3 pm at the Laurel Multiservice Center. The Housing Fair is to provide resources for housing rights, legal assistance and information on affordable housing options.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will take place on April 16, 2025.