

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2009

In attendance: Larry Cappleman, Ronald Sikes, Charlie Roper, Bob Battaglia, Alan Haughey, Joy Bouler and John Kirby, Planner II Regina McGruder, City Manager Mike Bollhoefer, Economic Development Director Dolores Key, Chief Planner Tim Wilson, Finance Director Robin Hayes and Public Relations Manager Andrea Vaughn.

Absent: Kelly Randall and Jim Gustino

Chairman Larry Cappleman called the meeting to order and determined a quorum at 4:40 p.m.

Mr. Cappleman called for a discussion of the March 10, 2009 meeting minutes.

Charlie Roper made a motion to approve the above meeting minutes, seconded by John Kirby, Approved unanimously.

Larry Cappleman stated that 4 of the current Board Members terms are due to expire on June 30, 2009. The four (4) Board Members include Bob Battaglia, Charlie Roper, Joy Bouler and Alan Haughey. He asked the current Board Members if they would like to continue in the same capacity on the Board; the four Board Members affirmed they would like to be reappointed for another term.

Ron Sikes made a motion to recommend to the CRA the reappointment of Board Members, Bob Battaglia, Charlie Roper, Joy Bouler and Alan Haughey for another term, seconded by John Kirby, Approved unanimously.

Mike Bollhoefer stated that the City is currently working on the final details of the property clean up for the East Winter Garden Affordable Housing Project. After that step is complete; the City will begin accepting contract bids for the designing phase of the project.

Dolores Key stated that the overall objective is to identify and partner with other organizations and find resources to try and keep the overhead cost at a minimum. *“The idea is to do more with less”.*

Larry Cappleman stated that Orange County is currently working on rehabilitation of foreclosed properties and then turning them into affordable housing units, he stated that maybe the City can find some resources to assist in a similar program.

Mike Bollhoefer stated that State Road 50 construction should begin in December and may take up to 24 months before completion. Funding was approved as part of the Federal Government Stimulus Packet and the project must be complete within a 2 year time frame or the funding could be lost. He stated that the City is currently working with a Landscape Architect to design the State Road 50 medians after the widening of the road. The City will be upgrading the medians to help improve and beautify State Road 50. FDOT is also currently reviewing data to see if a traffic light will be required at the State Road 50 and Carter Road intersection.

Mike Bollhoefer stated that the Plant Street and West Crown Point improvements should start construction within the next 45 days which is within the scheduled time frame and the construction cost came in under bid, which will be saving the City money.

Robin Hayes stated that the final Tax Role Assessment will be certified on June 1, 2009 and the final updates will be posted by July 30, 2009.

Joy Bouler stated that the Horizon's Oak Neighborhood Entranceway Signs have been vandalized and destroyed. She stated that it is very unfortunate that people who live in the neighborhood would destroy and vandalize their own community.

Mike Bollhoefer stated that the City and the East Winter Garden CDC will be having a Community Meeting with the residents in East Winter Garden and surrounding neighborhoods. He stated that until the community takes responsibility of their neighborhoods, these types of unfortunate incidents will continue in the community. He stated that the Horizon's Oak Neighborhood needs to take responsibility and replace their neighborhood sign. He stated that this is one of the topics that will be discussed at that meeting.

Mike Bollhoefer stated that the proposed multi-function gym will be a great asset to the City and Community. He stated that the gym will provide many recreational and activities including a full summer program. He stated that the new gym will also have a staffed police substation to provide extra protection and security. He stated that City Staff is currently working to finalize construction details.

Larry Cappleman stated that the CRAAB would like to be sent a notice of the time and location of the upcoming Community Meeting in East Winter Garden because the Board would also like to attend.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Chairman Larry Cappleman

Planner II Regina McGruder