WINTER GARDEN

A REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Cappleman called the meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board to order at 5:09 pm in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared present at 5:09 pm.

Present: Board Members: Chairman Larry Cappleman, Vice Chair Bob Battaglia, John Kirby, Sandy Schupp, and Ronald Sikes.

Absent: Board Members: Alan Haughey, Joy Knight-Bouler, Kelly Randall and Charlie Roper (Excused)

City Staff: City Manager Michael Bollhoefer, Economic Development Director Tanja Gerhartz, Executive Assistant Amy Martello, Senior Planner Laura Smith, and Customer Service Representative Kathy Rathel.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ronald Sikes to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 11, 2014 with the modification to correct the spelling of Burt to Bert. Seconded by John Kirby the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

4. DISCUSSION - Revision to the Business Façade Grant Program

Economic Development Director Tanja Gerhartz presented to the Board a recommendation to revise the Façade Grant Program to allow Façade Grants to blighted properties where new construction is preferred and the existing building would be demolished. These would be determined on a case-by-case basis. The proposed revision is underlined below:

ELIGIBLE WORK:

REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF EXISTING BUILDING FACADES VISIBLE TO THE STREET OR PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, INCLUDING STOREFRONTS, CORNICES, GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS, SIGN (SIGN STRUCTURE ONLY – EXCLUDES BUSINESS COPY), EXTERIOR LIGHTING, CANOPIES AND AWNINGS, PAINTING AND MASONRY CLEANING. PERMIT AND DESIGN REVIEW FEES CAN BE REIMBURSED THROUGH THE

PROGRAM. NEW CONSTRUCTION MAY QUALIFY IF IT INVOLVES DEMOLISHING AN EXISTING BLIGHTED BUILDING. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE GRANT SHALL BE DECIDED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS BASED ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT, MAGNITUDE OF BLIGHT AND DOLLAR AMOUNT OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT.

Economic Development Director Gerhartz stated the building to be demolished has to meet the criteria.

Motion made by Sandy Schupp to accept as revised the change for the Façade Grant Program. Seconded by Bob Battaglia the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

5. **DISCUSSION – Downtown Business Façade Matching Grant Program Application for 426 W. Plant Street**

Economic Development Director Gerhartz presented a change to the Board for 426 W Plant St. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing apartment buildings and construct a new Artisan Market and Micro Brewery totaling 12,000 square feet.

Board Member Sikes asked if there was an increase of the square footage and would there be more parking spaces. City Manager Bollhoefer stated there would be an additional public parking lot constructed to be used for this building and they also would have use of the City Hall parking lot.

Economic Development Director Gerhartz stated the request is to approve a $60,000 Façade Grant for this project due to the new revision wording.

Motion made by Bob Battaglia to approve the façade grant application for 426 W Plant Street. Seconded by John Kirby the motion carried unanimously 9-0.

6. **MEMBER INPUT**

No additional discussions.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.

ATTEST: **APPROVED:**

Kathy Rathel Larry Cappleman

Customer Service Rep Kathy Rathel **Chairman Larry Cappleman**