

Englewood Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, November 12, 2009 1:00 PM

I. Call to order

Chairman John Davison called to order the regular meeting of the Englewood Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Board at 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at the CRA Office, 101 North Orange Street, Englewood, FL 34223.

II. Roll call

Present: Harry Colburn, John Davison, Chariman, John Mead, John Radkins, Norman Caldwell, Todd Tracy, Vice-Chairman.

Absent/Excused: Mary Ellen Diez.

Sarasota County Staff Present

Debbie Marks, CRA Coordinator
Jodi Morris, CRA Administrative Specialist

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Chairman Davison asked for approval of the October 8, 2009 minutes.

Motion: To accept the October 8, 2009 minutes as written, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Radkins, **Seconded by** John Mead.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

IV. Open to the public

Jack Gray, representing the Rotary Club of Englewood gave a brief update on an Annual Music Event on March 6, 2010. Jack is looking at the Sports Complex for this event a downside is this is during Soccer season. This will be a fundraiser for the youth foundation. There is also going to be a second stage for children to perform with a battle of the bands for youth. Todd Tracy asked how this was to be funded. Jack Gray is looking for ticket sponsors, donations, and local business as vendors.

New business

- Election of Officers

Chairman Davison asked for nominations for Chairman of the CRA Advisory Board. John Radkins and John Mead nominated John Davison for another term.

Motion: To nominate John Davison as Chairman, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Radkins, **Seconded by** John Mead.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Chairman Davison asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Harry Colburn and John Mead nominated Todd Tracy for another term.

Motion: To nominate Todd Tracy as Vice Chairman, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Harry Colburn, **Seconded by** John Mead.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

- Advisory Committee Top 5 Objective's

Debbie informed the committee of the Objective survey that needs to be filled out before December 31, 2009. Todd Tracy suggested we stay with the 5 objectives already identified by the committee. The top 5 would be Storm Drainage, Water Front projects, Veterans Memorial, Parking lot, Marketing, Signage and Outreach. Debbie will fill out the form and bring back to board on December 10, 2009.

V. Old business

- Use of CRA funds for Free Clinic in Port Charlotte

Debbie Marks informed the Advisory Board that we are not allowed to assist with funding unless they are located within the CRA boundaries.

- Rotary Club request to install clock for Dearborn Street

Debbie updated the committee regarding placing a clock on Dearborn Street. Debbie and Jack both agreed to waiting for the clock until the new Lemon Bay Playhouse is built. Chairman Davison suggested that Jack Gray, Elaine Miller and Debbie Marks have a meeting to discuss the location of the clock and come back to the committee with an update.

VI. Comments / Reports

- Right-of-Way Use Permit for Landscaping Project

Debbie Marks updated the committee that the business owners may file for a Right-of-Way Use permit. Debbie would like see them hold off until Low Impact Design has been completed.

- Status of Rezoning on Dearborn Street

Debbie Marks updated the committee of the rezoning on Dearborn St. She stated the planner was finishing up other projects and would be able to assist us with the rezoning.

- Cherokee / Harbor Properties

Debbie Marks updated the committee that bids have come back for construction of seawall. We should start seeing construction happening within the next 30 days on Harbor. Debbie also updated the committee that the response sheets were being discussed by staff on Friday, November 13, 2009 and then be forwarded to Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

- Veterans Memorial Park – 10 Harbor Lane

Debbie Marks informed the committee that they are still working with the architect to reduce the cost. If cost can not be reduced the project may have to go out to bid.

- Events

F.A.M.E. Block Party this weekend starting Friday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Christmas Walk on Friday, November 27th at 6 p.m.

Santa will be on the Street December 11, 12, 18 and 19 from 6-8 p.m.

Debbie informed the committee of the need to hire Police Officers for the next Halloween Safe Walk.

Motion: To approve Englewood CRA to assist with funding for hiring Police Officers for the next Halloween Safe Walk, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Radkins, **Seconded by** Harry Colburn.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

VIII. Board Comments

- a) Vice-Chair Tracy – Suggested having open items on the agenda.
- b) Harry Colburn – Suggested that there are alot of good musicians at the State Collage formally known as MCC.
- c) John Mead – Informed the committee that Lemon Bay committed to \$25,000 towards the fireworks for next year.
- d) Chair Davison –Bootleggers is going to reopen as La Stanza an Italian restaurant. According to the newspaper La Stanza is remodeling with an Italian theme, they have a two year lease with an option to buy.
- e) John Radkins –Would like to thank the veterans for their service.
- f) Norman Caldwell – We have alot of challenges ahead and lets keep charging
- g) Mary Ellen Diez – Absent

VII. Agenda Items for December 10, 2009

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Non-Board member sign-in attendance count; 14