

# Englewood Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 17, 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 1:02 PM on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at the CRA Office, 101 North Orange Street, Englewood, FL 34223.

## II. Roll call

**Present:** John Davison, Chairman, Todd Tracy, Vice-Chairman, Mary Ellen Diez, John Mead, Harry Colburn, Norman Caldwell.

**Absent/Excused:** John Radkins

### 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 July 9, 2009 minutes.

**Motion:** To accept the July 9, 2009 minutes as written, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Harry Colburn, **Seconded by** Norman Caldwell.

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

**Yes:** John Davison, Chairman, Todd Tracy, Vice-Chairman, Mary Ellen Diez, John Mead, Harry Colburn, Norman Caldwell.

**Absent:** John Radkins.

## IV. Open to the public

Kathy Stringum speaking for Victoria Cole, Owner of Kelly's Tavern. Two years ago the CRA approved sponsoring the rezoning of two properties on Dearborn Street from Office, Professional, Institutional (OPI) to Commercial General (CG). She would like to know what can be done to continue moving this forward. Debbie Marks stated Planning Services offered a planner to help us with this project but they have under gone several reorganizations and a planner has yet to be assigned to the project. Debbie is going to get back with Planning Services again and will give the board members an update. Victoria would like to open the garage to rent for a potential art gallery, and to the west side of the building a court yard to extend our services. Anther idea is a small farmers market with 10 booths.

Sarita Kyman noted to the board that the 776 Corridor plan has made a lot of residents in Englewood upset. The future land use permits zoning that is very intense. My position is to have the 776 Corridor plan reviewed. Debbie informed the committee of the Board of County Commissioners meeting in June and noted that planning staff was assigned to report back to the Board of County Commissioners. She asked Planning Staff to inform CRA staff of any changes that would affect the CRA.

Bobbie Marquis, OEVA website master gave a brief update of the new website. She encouraged everyone to look at it at [oldeinglewood.com](http://oldeinglewood.com).

John Bednerik, Englewood Chamber of Commerce suggested placing a sign at the construction of the new building since the CRA provided funds. He also said they have selected the general contractor and we are in the process of permitting now. All is moving forward and He estimates 7 to 9 months construction time after permits are received. The design of the building is focused on community service with one large community meeting room, a large visitor's center, and chambers offices with expanded parking.

### **New business**

- Request for funding assistance for Kaleidoscope of the Arts

Jim Hanushek spoke to the committee about the upcoming Kaleidoscope. Jim is asking for assistance not to exceed \$1,000.00 with this event. The event is October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** To grant Request for Funding for Kaleidoscope up to \$1,000, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Norman Caldwell, **Seconded by** Todd Tracy, Vice-Chairman.

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

- Request for funding assistance for Bar-B-Q Rib Cook Off

Debbie updated the committee on this upcoming event. The date of the event is October 17<sup>th</sup>. OEVA is asking for assistance.

**Motion:** To grant Request for Funding for Bar-B-Q Rib Cook off up to \$1,000, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mary Ellen Diez, **Seconded by** John Mead.

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

- Proposed Banners and Redesign of Dearborn Street Map/Brochure

Debbie Marks updated the committee of the Maps and Brochure and showed drafts prepared by Rebecca Barbier. Several changes were suggested. Revised copies will be brought back to the board for approval.

Todd would like to see a large graphic showing the Parking and Restrooms.

**Motion:** Accept this recommendation for Banners and Map Brochure, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Harry Colburn, **Seconded by** Norman Caldwell.

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

- Priorities set forth in the STANTEC Redevelopment Plan

Debbie gave a brief update on the priorities project sheet.

We are moving forward on the Low Impact Design. This went out for bid yesterday and funding is in place. Todd asked how much was in the account. There is \$1.3 million.

Moving forward with #4 Lemon Bay Playhouse which goes to the Board of County Commissioners on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to prepare the document giving them use of the property. The piece of property located right behind that property on Green Street has been designated for downtown parking which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> priority and she feels that the parking should be the number one priority over the next two. This will be necessary to compliment the Lemon Bay Playhouse. We might be able to complete this for \$500-\$600,000.

Debbie updated the committee about the Veterans Memorial. Elaine is working with the county contracted architect. She hopes to have a better update at the next meeting. John Mead mentioned hearing how Dearborn Street is dead. He suggested doing something visual. Todd suggested posting some informational signage on project sites. This would let the public know what is going on with current projects. Debbie said she would get the cost for small construction signs.

**Motion:** To place informational signs at project sites, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Mead, **Seconded by** Todd Tracy.

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

Mary Ellen suggested deciding where signs should be placed and what to put on them. Debbie would like signs to be placed at Cherokee with a copy of the proposed plan, Veterans Memorial Park with a copy of the proposed plan, and the two parking lots.

After a brief discussion of relocating overhead utilities priority a motion was made.

**Motion:** Relocate Overhead Utilities on Dearborn stays on sheet but remove the priority completely, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Harry Colburn, **Seconded by** Mary Ellen Diez.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** John Davison, Chairman, Todd Tracy, Vice-Chairman, Mary Ellen Diez, John Mead, Harry Colburn.

**No:** Norman Caldwell.

Todd asked we revisit this again next meeting.

## **V. Old business**

- Request for assistance with pothole issue on Magnolia- Bobarino's Pizzarria

Debbie met with David Young, Landscape Architect, for a proposal for this project. The proposal came back at \$29,000 for just the design of the project. She suggested

that the property owners might be able to do this project through a right-of-way use permit and she would like to check into that instead of the CRA doing the project. The Board directed Debbie to pursue the landscaping idea with a right away use permit.

- Sign for the Mural

Debbie updated the committee about the sign to be placed on the mural. The sign has been ordered and placed on the front wall.

- Entrance to Parking Lot

Todd thinks the Restroom parking is not standing out. He suggested painting the asphalt. Debbie asked if it should be on Dearborn. Debbie stated she will check with public works. John Davison asked Debbie to look into various ideas and report back at the next meeting.

## **VI. Comments / Reports**

- Signage

Debbie updated the committee about the banner placed over 776

- Cherokee Street Properties

Permits have been filed and waiting from them to come back.

- Veterans Memorial Park-10 Harbor Lane

Debbie Marks updated the committee. The architects are working on the proposal and we hope to have something back from them to review before the next meeting. Mary Ellen updated the committee about the Veterans Memorial float.

- Events

Debbie updated the committee with the following events:

Buchan Fly In, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Kaleidoscope of the Arts, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Bar-B-Q Rib Cook Off, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Halloween Safe Walk, October 31st

Block Party, November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

## **VIII. Board Comments**

- a) Vice-Chair Tracy – Thanked everyone for coming.
- b) Harry Colburn – Wanted to thank staff and the committee for moving the meetings to the afternoon.

- c) John Mead – Was impressed with the clean up of the Englewood Welcome Sign. Thanked Erick for the great efforts with the Pioneer Parade
- d) Chair Davison – Thanked the neighborhood people for being here.
- e) John Radkins – Absent
- f) Norman Caldwell – Very impressive meeting. We covered allot of things. Wanted to thank Debbie for all her hard work.
- g) Mary Ellen Diez – Thank you all for being here.

**VII. Agenda Items for October 8, 2009**

Signage

Revisit the priorities list

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Non-Board member sign-in attendance count; 15