

Englewood Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes of Thursday, May 13, 2010 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, May 13, 2010, at the CRA Office, 101 North Orange Street, Englewood, FL 34223.

II. Roll call

Present: Harry Colburn, John Davison, Chairman, John Mead, John Radkins, Mary Ellen Diez, Norman Caldwell.

Absent/Excused: Todd Tracy, Vice-Chairman.

Sarasota County Staff Present

Debbie Marks, CRA Coordinator
Jodi Morris, Administrative Specialist

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Chairman Davison asked for approval of the April 8, 2010 minutes.

Motion: To accept the April 8, 2010 as written, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Radkins, **Seconded by** John Mead.

Absent: Todd Tracy, Vice-Chairman

IV. Open to the public

Betty Nugent stated when redevelopment is done we should not forget about the children in Englewood. She proposed a water fountain for children like the one in Venice and a skate park.

Stephanie Borchard, President of Arts of Alliance of Lemon Bay suggested having a float for Pioneers Day to tie into the going green theme including a live tree, painted vegetation and decorated rain barrels. They would also like to hand out seed packets which could be planted at home. Stephanie asked the CRA to partner with the Arts Alliance on this project. She asked the committee if they would be able to donate funds. John Davison asked Debbie Marks to follow up on this project.

Motion: Accept an application for a mini grant and to participate with the Arts Alliance in a float in the Pioneers Day, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Radkins, **Seconded by** John Mead.

Yes: Harry Colburn, John Davison, Chairman, John Mead, John Radkins, Mary Ellen Diez, Norman Caldwell.

Absent: Todd Tracy, Vice-Chairman.

Gwen John never saw any follow up information on the Englewood cleanup. She was interested in how much debris was removed and if it was successful. Debbie Marks noted that the cleanup was handled by Sarasota County Code Enforcement but if Mrs. John would like we can get that information for her.

Betty Nugent announced Sarasota County Historical Preservation Day on May 22nd.

John, Bednerik, Englewood Chamber of Commerce gave an update on ground breaking of their new building. He extended an invitation for tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. for the ground breaking.

V. Old business

- Update on the LID Project

Elaine Miller gave the committee an update on the LID Project. She said the LID team has submitted 30% of the plans to the County for review. The next step is the 60% point which will help with estimating the cost and applying for grants. A brief discussion ensued.

Debbie Marks updated the committee of an upcoming workshop on the LID. The meeting will be held at Englewood Sports Complex on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.

- Finalize Marketing Budget for FY11

Debbie Marks updated the committee of a change she made in the marketing budget. The change was to allocate \$1,000 to Buchan Fly In. As long as our budgets are approved by Board of County Commissioners we are good to go with our marketing budget. Debbie will be coming back in July or August to get a recommendation and motion from this committee.

Motion: Approved the Marketing Budget as written, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mary Ellen Diez, **Seconded by** John Mead.

Yes: Harry Colburn, John Davison, Chairman, John Mead, Mary Ellen Diez, Norman Caldwell.

Abstain: John Radkins.

Absent: Todd Tracy, Vice-Chairman.

- Re-visit the Educational Tour Boat at Harbor Lane

John Davison gave an update on the Tour Boat at Harbor Lane. He informed everyone that the public landing is under construction. John also told everyone of the dock at Blind Pass Beach. He got a navigation map and scaled it out and we are 1.2 miles away if you stay in the channel from our public landing to their public landing. John Davison also suggested taking a boat trip and having our CRA meeting at the Hermitage. He will try and arrange transportation for anyone who wants to go along. He would like to do this for the September meeting.

VI. New business

- June 2010 Meeting

Debbie Marks suggested taking off in June instead of August so the committee can be available to approve the budget when necessary in July or August.

The Committee agreed not to have a meeting in June. The next regular meeting will be July 8.

- Interviews

Debbie Marks updated the committee of interviews that will be held on Tuesday, May 18 for the Administrative Assistant position in the CRA Office. She also thanked Jodi Morris for all her work and also assisting with our meeting today and offering to come back to train the new individual selected.

Comments / Reports

- Community Outreach Committee

Don Schilke gave an update on the applications received for assistance. Twenty-Nine applications were received and four applications have met the qualifications. There has been one finished project.

- Sustainable Learning Center – Kiwanis Park

Debbie Marks updated the committee on the Sustainable Center. One project is community gardens. There will be plots that people can rent to grow their vegetables. Environmental specialists are surveying the property and Parks and Recreation will be installing children's playground equipment.

Russ Kyper asked how many acres are available for the community gardens. He also suggested planting trees that can be moved to Dearborn Street when they mature. Debbie Marks informed Russ they are planning for half an acre right now, then see how many people want plots and expand in the future is necessary.

- Status of Rezoning on Dearborn Street

Debbie Marks updated the committee on rezoning. She will be holding a meeting in the next few weeks. After meeting with Planning Services a binding concept plan is needed.

- Cherokee / Harbor Properties

Debbie Marks informed the committee on Cherokee. Hoping to get comments from the state and move forward on permits for both docks on Cherokee.

- Veterans Memorial Park

Mary Ellen Diez updated the committee the park is waiting for LID design work. The seawall is under repair right now. This is also included in the LID project.

Events - Fireworks

Jack Gray updated the committee on the Fireworks event. He has some pirate troops lined up to come with gun powder cannons and some stage performances. This event will be at Cherokee Park.

VIII. Board Comments

- a) Norman Caldwell – Lets keep charging.
- b) Vice-Chair Todd Tracy – Absent.
- c) John Mead – Thanked everyone for coming.
- d) Chair Davison – Thanked everyone for coming.
- e) John Radkins – Thanked for being here your attendance is always appreciated.
- f) Harry Colburn – Wants to support Betty Nugent's proposal for a skate park.
- g) Mary Ellen Diez – Thanked everyone for coming.

VII. Agenda Items for July 8, 2010

FY2011 Budget

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Non-Board member sign-in attendance count; 11