

**ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA  
ADVISORY BOARD (CRA)  
Minutes of August 24, 2006 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Englewood Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board (CRA) was held Thursday, August 24, 2006, at Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Boulevard, Englewood, FL

**Members Present :**

Mary Ellen Diez, Chairwoman  
Harry Colburn  
Norman Caldwell  
John Mead  
John Davison  
John Radkins  
Dick Howell

**Staff Present**

Chris Davis, CRA Coordinator  
Elaine Wickwire, Administrative Assistant

**Call to Order**

Chairwoman Diez called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

**Thank Outgoing Members/Welcome to Newly Appointed Members/Election of Vice-Chairman**

Dick Howell **moved** to nominate John Radkins as the Vice-Chairman of the advisory board. The motion was seconded by John Davison and carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Diez expressed gratitude to the outgoing CRA board members, Lise Yust and John Fellin.

New members John Davison, Norman Caldwell and John Mead were welcomed to the advisory board.

**Approval of Minutes**

John Radkins **moved** to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2006 meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dick Howell and carried unanimously.

**Open to the Public**

Mr. Dale Austin, representing the Olde Englewood Village Homeowners Association (OEVHA), welcomed the new CRA Advisory Board members and invited the board to its Homeowners Association meeting on September 7, 2006.

**CRA General Information**

Chris Davis explained the County's structure of the Community Redevelopment Area using an organizational chart. She also discussed the role of the advisory board.

### **CRA 2007 TIF Revenue**

Chairwoman Diez presented comments regarding the CRA 2007 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenue. The projected revenue for 2007 is \$2,982,388.00.

### **Update of CRA Plan**

John Radkins reported that Stantec was selected as the consultant for contracting the update of the Redevelopment Plan. Staff is negotiating the contract and will bring it to the Board for approval by September 26, 2006.

### **Veteran's Memorial Garden**

Chairwoman Diez explained the Veteran's Memorial Garden project and requested that interested members of the public contact her regarding same.

### **Parking Lot Improvements & Bathrooms**

Chris Davis presented an update on the parking lot improvements. A bid has been awarded for the bathroom construction. Other improvements include; lighting, repaving, tree trimming and the installation of benches. The projected completion date is by the end of November. Harry Colburn volunteered to be a CRA point person for overseeing this project.

### **Stormwater**

Ms. Davis noted that the County's Stormwater division has contracted Wilson-Miller to look into the need for stormwater treatment for Dearborn Street. Dick Howell volunteered to be a CRA liaison for the stormwater and lighting elements of the project.

### **Request for Proposal for Marketing Consultant Services**

Ms. Davis explained that the deadline to submit proposals for the Marketing Consultant Request for Proposal is August 29, 2006. A selection should be made within three weeks of the deadline. John Radkins volunteered to work with staff on same.

### **New CRA Office**

Elaine Wickwire noted that the new CRA office will be located at 693 Old Englewood Road, Suite B. The move will take place on August 25<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>. The office will reopen for business on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Storefront Improvement Program**

Chairwoman Diez explained the Storefront Improvement Program and that the CRA will match funds up to \$15,000 (with guidelines) for storefront improvements. The Lemon Bay Funeral Home and Izzie's Antiques are currently participating in the program.

### **Signage**

Chris Davis noted that the kiosk sign for Elsie Quirk Library has been installed. She also discussed the upcoming signage for (Welcome to) Englewood and the signage to direct cars to the Cedar Street parking lot.

### **State Road 776 Corridor Application for Scenic Highway Designation**

Elaine Wickwire discussed the Lemon Bay Myakka Trail, SR 776 Corridor Application process. The purpose of this project is to promote tourism and economic development, help foster a sense

of community and to protect resources along corridor. A brochure for the Florida Scenic Highway was distributed.

### **Volunteers for Committees**

The following advisory board members volunteered for the committees listed below:

- ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE - John Davison, Norman Caldwell
- RCTOD - John Radkins
- PARKING/BATHROOMS – Harry Colburn
- LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE –John Davison
- CORRIDOR ADVOCACY GROUP – John Mead
- BIKE RACKS – Mary Ellen Diez

### **Open to the Public**

Mr. Jim Hanushek, Lemon Bay Playhouse, welcomed the new CRA advisory board members.

Ms. Elaine Miller-Sanchez, Suncoast Architects, Inc., offered assistance to the Architectural Review Committee.

Mr. Taylor Meals, President of the Olde Englewood Village Association (OEVA), discussed Olde Englewood Village and encouraged the new members to meet the store owners.

### **Advisory Board Comments**

Board Members presented comments regarding the following:

- John Davison - luring people to downtown Englewood (i.e. boat dock)
- Dick Howell - inviting Artist Avenue project group to make a presentation to the CRA
- Staff - September 5, advisory board new member orientation meeting

### **Next Meeting**

Following a discussion regarding the meeting time to accommodate those working during the day, it was the consensus to hold the next meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned 2:20 p.m.