

**ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
ADVISORY BOARD (CRA)
Minutes of May 25, 2006 Meeting**

A special meeting of the Englewood Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board (CRA) was held Thursday, May 25, 2006, at Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Boulevard, Englewood, Florida.

Members Present :

Mary Ellen Diez, Chairwoman
John Fellin, Vice-Chairman
Lise Yust
John Radkins
Richard Howell

Absent:

Robert Collins

Staff Present

Chris Davis, CRA Coordinator
Elaine Wickwire, Planning Services

Call to Order

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

Open to the Public

Mr. Jim Pollard, Old Englewood Village Homeowner's Association (OEVHA), presented comments regarding a request for a comprehensive plan for the area. It was noted that OEVHA would like to be included in the improvements discussions.

Mr. Taylor Meals, Buchan's Landing, presented comments regarding Dearborn Street and a related landscape article addressing the lack of shade.

Advisory Board Comments/Reports

Mr. Fellin submitted and outlined a list of projects for the Dearborn Street area that will need to be coordinated. Items included: angled parking, overhead utilities, street lighting, storm water and landscaping. Discussion ensued regarding same.

It was recommended that Mr. Russ Chamberlain, FP&L representative, be invited to a CRA meeting to discuss overhead utilities on Dearborn Street.

Board Members discussed the timing of the storm water improvements.

Presentation by Giler Urban Design with Q & A

Mr. Aldren Giler, Giler Urban Design, introduced Mr. Don Sepulski. A report was presented for Dearborn Street improvements called "Surveyors, Civil Engineers, Architects and Urban Planners." This report addressed end destination, attractors, tourism and location.

Following the report, discussions ensued regarding the inclusion of a community center, the number of people visiting the beaches, multi story parking and mixed use around the nodes.

Board Discussion of Town Center Plan

Ms. Davis noted that Ms. Crystal Allred, Sarasota County Government, would like to address the CRA at the meeting on June 8, 2006 regarding the temporary use permit and changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding Ordinance No. 97-015. On Page 8, Item No. 7, bullet 3, Mr. Fellin **moved** to recommend that the wording be changed to “.....no less than 100% retail space.....” The motion was seconded by Mr. Radkins and carried unanimously.

Mr. Fellin **moved** to recommend the changes discussed. (Item 7, bullet 1, “The design of all new construction, as well as significant renovations, shall generally conform to the Englewood Architectural design guidelines as specified in the attached booklet dated July 1, 2003.”) The motion was seconded by Mr. Howell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Fellin **moved** to allow an increase in the building height by the amount of under story parking/garage. The motion was seconded by Mr. Radkins and carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Town Center Plan will be brought back before the CRA following the presentation by Ms. Allred.

Board Discussion of Update of CRA Plan – Scope of Services

Ms. Davis submitted and discussed the changes to the Scope of Services in a “Draft” report. The following changes were made to the document:

“Desired Goals”

11. Identify strategies to improve job opportunities within the CRA.
12. Encourage the Old Florida Village theme for the development within the CRA.
13. Identify attractors.

“Desired Outcomes”

2. Identified infrastructure improvements needed, estimate costs and provide detailed proposed funding strategy.
3. Identify criteria for the development of properties and establish conceptual plans for all CRA/County owned properties.
7. Identify community resources and how they can be enhanced to increase visitors including recommendations from the Retail Market Analysis.
10. Identify new projects and evaluate existing projects that will help the community achieve the vision for FY2020.
11. Strategies to increase employment opportunities within the CRA with a diverse employment base.
12. (Outcome to be deleted or listed separately.)
13. Increase public and development interest.

Ms. Davis continued to detail the “Scope of Services”.

Mr. Fellin **moved** that the Scope of Services be published for RFP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Howell and carried unanimously.

Staff Report

Ms. Davis submitted an article from Englewood News Brief regarding a community clean up. A notice for the Public Workshop, Wednesday, May 31, 2006 on the Proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Amendments was distributed.

It was noted that advisory board appointment application deadline is May 26, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. There is one vacancy on the CRA.

Ms. Davis presented an update on signage with more information to be presented at the meeting on June 8, 2006.

Open to the Public

Mr. Taylor Meals, requested clarification on the height requirements and Mr. Fellin responded accordingly.

Advisory Board Comments/Reports

Mr. Howell presented comments regarding businesses in other areas comparable to those on Dearborn Street. Mr. Howell referenced www.teampuntagorda.com, which contains a “2005 Citizen Master Plan” put together by citizens.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned 3:05 p.m.