

**ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (CRA)
ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of September 13, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Englewood Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board was held on Thursday, September 13, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., at Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood, FL.

Members Present

Harry Colburn, Vice-Chairman
Norman Caldwell
Mary Ellen Diez
John Mead
Todd Tracy

Members Absent

John Radkins, Chairman

Sarasota County Staff Present

Debbie Marks, Interim CRA Coordinator
Jane Grogg, Manager, Neighborhood Svcs.

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Colburn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Roll call was taken and Harry Colburn, Mary Ellen Diez, John Mead, John Davison, Norman Caldwell and Todd Tracy were present. Chairman John Radkins was absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

August 9, 2007

John Mead made a comment that if there is a typo in the minutes, they should call the office. Todd Tracy stated that Roberts Rules calls for the responsibility of checking the minutes by the Advisory Board. Harry Colburn commented on page 2, paragraph 3 "Jessi Pasternak representing the "Chambers" should read Chamber of Commerce and sentence 5 of the same paragraph "adverting" should be advertising. Todd Tracy also noted in paragraph 7 should read "drawings are ready for their review".

Todd Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Norm Caldwell. Motion carried. Mary Ellen Diez abstained from voting because she was not in attendance at the last meeting.

Open to the Public

Russ Kyper, representing Buchan Dearborn Aviation Day on October 13, spoke about the first annual event being planned. He described the details of the events and the need for additional funds of approximately \$1300 for the purchase of shirts for the event. Norman Caldwell made a motion to support the request, subject to County approval and the CRA logo being placed on the shirts. John Davison seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Glen Rich spoke about concerns along Dearborn Street development being stalled by the need for stormwater.

Discussion Items

Debbie Marks gave an update on the stormwater project, as Warren Davis was not able to attend. Debbie explained the plans for the project and indicated that the design plans should be ready in the next few months.

Peter and Barbara Matson asked several questions about the status of the project. He also asked about a balance sheet showing the revenues and expenditures for the whole life of the CRA. Debbie Marks indicated that such a report has been written and given out in the past and is available in the CRA office to anyone who wants one.

Elaine Miller Sanchez requested that Vault 3 could be moved to a location that better coordinate with the performing arts proposed development.

Debbie marks noted the need for a couple of volunteers to serve on a committee to discuss repayment options for the stormwater project. Todd Tracy volunteered to serve as the subcommittee. Barbara Matson also volunteered to join the committee.

Staff Comments/Reports

Marketing Committee Update: Debbie Marks gave an update on the Marketing Plan. She described the budget and a request for participation in the Olde Englewood Cracker Fair. She identified the types of ads and indicated that she would bring back projects and budget as more information is available.

Todd Tracy summarized the history of the marketing by talking about moving towards a more local approach as opposed to a regional approach.

Signage Update: Debbie Marks shared a signage update. The welcome sign on East Dearborn is being installed. The contractor committed to installing the sign within 3 weeks. Debbie is also in conversations with the Environmental Services staff to erect a joint sign at the Manasota Scrub Jay habitat on the southeast corner of Manasota Beach Road and SR 776. Debbie also showed a sample of a construction sign to announce CRA-funded projects.

Code Amendment Updates: Debbie spoke about the Residential-Commercial Transition Overlay District (RCTOD) and code changes that were discussed at a recent public meeting. She also explained the process for approval through Planning Staff, Planning Commission and ultimately the Board of County Commissioners.

Rezoning of Waterfront Properties Update: In order to file a rezone petition a neighborhood meeting is required. Debbie committed to the neighborhood not to hold the meetings until more winter residents have returned, so they could participate in the meetings.

Event Permits: Debbie gave an update on Cruisin' on Dearborn and Saturday Nite Live which may need Temporary Use Permits. Staff is researching the issue further and she is awaiting a determination from the Zoning Administrator.

Open to the Public

None

Advisory Board Comments

John Davison asked about the Storm water project to clarify the status and the willingness of staff to work on the project.

John Mead said that he thinks the CRA logo has to appear on the T-shirts.

Mary Ellen Diez made a comment that Lisa Yust is working to get a group of artists to paint the bike racks. The CRA will provide the paint and the volunteers will do the work. She also talked about the Veterans Memorial and the need for a veteran to join the subcommittee. Norm Caldwell explained that he would be sending information about a similar memorial to Mary Ellen Diez. Mary Ellen Diez also suggested that they consider having a float in the Pioneers Day Parade.

Todd Tracy spoke about the fact that Debbie Marks has moved very quickly in working on the stormwater. He also commented on the appreciation for the agenda development over the past few months and he feels that the Advisory Board is making great strides.

Norm Caldwell also complimented Debbie's hard work and organization. He would like to keep her.

Harry Colburn voiced his concern about the signage on Dearborn and the hodge-podge of types of signs. He proceeded to give a long list of the types of signs on Dearborn. He suggested that new signage standards be drafted.

Debbie Marks asked for members to participate on subcommittees. Harry Colburn volunteered to work on the sign committee.

Two late speakers cards for Open to the Public. With no objection, the advisory committee opened the floor.

Janet Landis, representing OEVA, spoke about the concern that someone would try to stop the special events.

Elaine Miller Sanchez also spoke about Saturday Nite Live events and that they've worked well in the last few years and doesn't understand why anyone has a problem with these events.

Harry Colburn identified himself as the person who made the inquiry. He approached Zoning about the temporary signs and temporary events. He thought that the issue had been taken to Sarasota County for transportation review.

Norm Caldwell would like to see an update on the architectural guidelines, landscaping, etc.

Harry Colburn would like to see an update on the agenda on the special events on Dearborn.

Adjournment

John Mead made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Todd Tracy. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.