

**ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
ADVISORY BOARD (CRA)
Minutes of February 8, 2007 Meeting, Amended**

A regular meeting of the Englewood Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board was held on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood, FL.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Christine Davis, CRA Coordinator
Elaine Wickwire, Admin. Asst. II

Others Present

Jennifer Carver, Florida Department of Community Affairs

Call to Order

Chairman John Radkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Norman Caldwell **moved** to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2006 and January 11, 2007 meetings, seconded by Harry Colburn and carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Mr. Bill Tryder, President, Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, presented comments in support of the Residential/Transition Overlay District and the new billboard on SR 776.

Florida Waterfronts Communities Program - Jennifer Carver, FL Dept. of Community Affairs

Ms. Jennifer Carver, Florida Department of Community Affairs, presented an overview on the Florida Waterfronts Communities Program. This program works with communities to revitalize their waterfront areas. The application process is opened once every two years to designate new communities for the program.

Ms. Carver gave a PowerPoint presentation on the program and Committee members posed questions regarding costs and qualifications. "Waterfronts Florida Program Guidelines" were discussed.

Norman Caldwell **moved** to explore the program guidelines and bring this discussion back in two weeks. The motion was seconded by Todd Tracy. An **amendment to the motion** was made to establish a subcommittee to address the program, and to work with Chris Davis to

pursue the application for qualification. The motion failed 2-5 with John Radkins, Mary Ellen Diez, John Mead, John Davison and Todd Tracy voting "No".

Ms. Tina Braun Cohen, Englewood resident, posed a question regarding the number of applicants for the program. Ms. Carver stated that approximately sixteen communities have expressed an interest, with three to five communities being designated within a two year period. It was the consensus of the Advisory Board to appoint Harry Colburn to ~~remain~~ receive and monitor e-mails from the Waterfront Communities Program. ~~and monitor for information or services that might be helpful to Englewood.~~

Report by the RCTOD/Town Center Amendment Subcommittee and Staff

Ms. Elaine Miller-Sanchez, a member of the Subcommittee, presented an update on the Committee meetings. The three components that the Subcommittee looked at included:~~included looking at including.~~ the Main Street Overlay District, evaluate/modify architectural guidelines and review of the RCTOD overlay. The intent is to evaluate the zoning code to determine if the standards and quality of buildings were obtainable with the current code. Issues being reviewed are parking, building volume and coverage, setbacks and ADA compliance.

Chris Davis reported that staff is currently working with Stantec Consulting Services to develop a Scope of Services to be able to move the RCTOD forward.

Discussion of Billboard

Chairman Radkins announced that the billboard is up. It was reported that OEVA has paid for installation and graphics on the sign and that the CRA will be paying the monthly fee beginning in February.

Staff Reports/Comments

Chris Davis reported that the public restrooms have been completed.

Discussion ensued regarding a request from the radio control racing cars group to provide a storage building for them. The cost for this would be estimated under \$2000.00. John Davison **moved** to recommend to the BCC, approval to buy a shed for the group, not to exceed \$2000.00. The motion was seconded by Mary Ellen Diez and carried unanimously.

Chris Davis reported that she is working with Warren Richardson to compile an annual report for the CRA that can be discussed at the March meeting.

Open to the Public

Mr. Bill Tryder noted that in cooperation with the OEVA, the Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay will be holding its Art Chair Auction in the fall/winter of 2007.

Advisory Board Comments

Mary Ellen Diez expressed interest in developing an annual sidewalk painting festival.

John Davison presented comments in favor of the Waterfront Development Communities Program and expressed concerns with the timing of the project in conjunction with the Stantec project.

It was noted that the next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on March 8, 2007.

Adjournment

John Mead **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Harry Colburn and carried unanimously.