

Englewood Redevelopment Area (CRA)

Advisory Board Meeting

Amended Meeting Minutes of Thursday, May 14, 2009 8:30 AM

Members Present

Chair John Davison
Vice Chair Todd Tracy
John Mead
John Radkins
Mary Ellen Diez

Members Absent

Norman Caldwell
Harry Colburn

Sarasota County Staff Present

Debbie Marks, CRA Coordinator
Jodi Morris, CRA Admin. Specialist

I. Call to order

Vice Chair Todd Tracy called to order the regular meeting of the Englewood Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Board at 8:40 AM on Thursday, May 14, 2009, located at the CRA Office, 101 North Orange Street, Englewood, FL 34223.

II. Roll call

CRA Coordinator, Debbie Marks called roll. The following Board members were present; Chair John Davison, Vice-Chair Todd Tracy, Harry Colburn, John Mead, John Radkins, Mary Ellen Diez. Harry Colburn and Norman Caldwell were absent.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Vice Chair Tracy asked for approval of the April 9, 2009 minutes. John Radkins asked on page 1 under open to the public change Rage to Range and Oster to Oyster, on page 2 under comments / reports change the to that Jessie Pasternak, and business to businesses. John Radkins motioned to accept the minutes with changes. John Mead seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with changes.

IV. Open to the public

Jim Pollard, Southwest Historical Organization for Recourse and Education (SHORE) would like to submit their recommendation for naming of the Cherokee Street Park. Their suggestion is Pioneer Settlers Park. Debbie stated Commissioner Staub brought something to her attention, we can make these recommendations but they will have to go to Parks and Rec advisory board and then they will do an advertisement out.

Chairman Davison arrived at 8:55 am

Jon Bednerik, Englewood Cape Haze Area Chamber of Commerce gave a status report on the reconstruction of the chamber office that is moving forward. They have submitted a formal request to the Board of County Commissioners for the \$50,000 CRA support. Would like to be in by the first quarter of next year.

John Fellin this was a very exciting presentation this morning. Thinks it would be wonderful for this community to be on the edge with LID. He gave some background information on Dearborn St.

V. New business

- Presentation on Low Impact Development (LID), Elaine Miller, AIA, Suncoast Architect Inc.

Elaine Miller gave a presentation on Low Impact Development (LID). The purpose of the presentation today is to offer a real alternative on the vault system that is currently permitted on Green Street. Almost four years ago she came before the CRA to request about four hundred thousand dollars for a vault for a project she was designing at that time. There are two vaults one is on Green Street and Cedar Street. The proposed vault to be built at this time on Green St has a service area of approximately 4 blocks. Inclusive in those four blocks is the proposed playhouse site. The service area is very specific. It handles approximately 30,000 gallons of stormwater. Elaine appreciates that fact they have been given the opportunity to talk today we knows they have messed up the schedule a bit. Hopefully the 30 day delay that we've had as we will be presenting to the Board of County Commissioners on May 26th has been warranted. If no other reason due diligence that we make the right decision and don't look back at this and say we did not have all the facts. The presenters here today are here to give you facts and compare apples to apples, answer questions as far as function of the Low Impact Design Methodology as well as cost, and maintenance. Low Impact Design logically is when you actually take the stormwater rain water run off and contain it on your own site instead of taking and pumping it to an alternate location and ultimately out into the bay or percolating into the soil. So you're trying to trap and take care of the requirements on your parcel of land. Now the question is were does that happen if you don't have a central location where you have a vault were do you take care of that. Our proposal would elevate all stormwater in the right away. So this requires no private property. The rights of ways vary significantly on the Dear born street area. The exact cross section would be dependent on exact street that it goes thru. As a general statement if you have a square block of land we can utilize three of the four sides. It may vary a little bit plus or minus, and we do have a little more problematic areas in the 400 block but I would say that statement is about 90% true. Then other streets will have more flexibility where the right away is actually increased. With that in mind the professional have teamed together and created Florida Water Scapes LLC. We feel that because we are cutting edge this really needs to be designed and constructed to combine the design, construction, maintenance, and the monitoring. We recognize that while there is a substantial amount of science behind Low Impact Design in the evolving field Sarasota County, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and various universities are all involved in the formulation of the Low Impact Design (LID) manual that is expected to be incorporated into the SWFWMD code within the next year. We all know it is a new code and there are some bugs to work out. So part of our proposal is educational and a diagnostic portion that adds after the LID would be installed would be monitored and evaluated at a very high technical level.

Mary Ellen asked if the system will accommodate the exact same volume as the vault system. Beresford said it would. She also asked the shelf life of the pipes. Beresford Powell stated about 100 years. Mary Ellen asked the cost of this system to the vault system. Jack Burden said it will not exceed the price of the single vault system.

Todd asked why they were dealing with 7 acres. Beresford Powell stated that's what the vault is, the more technical answer is there is drainage areas that flow to the system that is are not part of your development area.

John Davison asked where the pipes would be laid. The system will go along 3 sides between Green and Dearborn and then 3 sides of the block would be Orange and Magnolia.

Shannon Staub asked about the reuse; how you will hook it up so that the irrigation is all there. Jack Burden stated there is a sump system which has a solar powered pump which will pump water into the plant bedding. The system is enclosed and nobody will see it. There is one sump system per block.

John Mead asked where the solar powered pump would be located. Jack Burden stated that they would look for a place with the least amount of vandalism.

Technical questions were addressed by team members: Jack Burden and Skip VerMilyea with Rainwater Harvesting Water Re-use Systems, Beresford Powell, II, P.E., Axis Engineering, PLC, and Grant Beatt, Grant's Gardens. A copy of the drawing for the proposed system is attached.

Given the information this committee had at the time we made our vote and after hearing the new information given today we have reconsidered our original position. With consensus the committee agreed to have Chairman Davis speak at the public hearing on May 26, 2009.

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Debbie updated the committee that Planning Services is processing our Comprehensive Plan Amendments to expand the Englewood Town Center that would be to add our Harbor Lane property and to add in three blocks up north of town that were not eligible for the Arts Overlay District this last time.

John Radkins made a motion to find the Comprehensive Plan Amendment petition to expand the Englewood Town Center boundaries consistent with the adopted CRA Plan and recommend that the expansion be approved. Todd Tracy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- CRA Budget

Debbie updated the committee on the budget to date.

- County Email

Debbie explained the email acknowledgement form and asked the committee to sign and return to her.

VI. Old business

- Continued Discussion regarding modifications to the Store Front Program

Todd Tracy gave brief update of the Storefront Committee meeting. Elaine Miller had a concern about matching funds not used in the best way. After a brief discussion Debbie said she would talk with the County Attorney regarding the committees concerns.

- Naming of Cherokee Street Park

Todd Tracy untabled this agenda item and is glad Parks and Recreation will be making the discussion on the naming. Debbie will forward the name recommendations to Parks and Recreation.

VII. Comments / Reports

- Signage

Debbie has asked for quotes on a sand blasted sign for the Mural Project. The sign will read:

“Englewood’s Mural Project 2008

This project was unveiled on February 23, 2008 after a week long collaborative effort by these world re-known artists: T.A.L.E.N.T., brothers of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Tania Seabock of San Francisco, California, Skip Dyrda of Sarasota, Florida, Erik Schlake of Englewood, Florida, Elena Ortega of Key Largo, Florida, Patrick Ganino of Madison, Connecticut, Shannon Clark of Hollywood, California

Thanks to the many sponsors who helped to make this a successful project!”

Debbie showed the committee Public Parking and Restroom banners. The committee agreed to hang canvas banners on existing light poles.

- Cherokee Street Properties

Debbie updated the committee of the proposed property swap. The owners have since changed their minds. The deal has fallen through due to miscommunication regarding future

uses on the water front properties. The appraisals for the Rinkert property came in at a third of the value for CRA two properties.

Debbie informed the committee she is working with a real state company to lease out the Perry Street property to get some revenue back. When the market is ready we should have public meeting to obtain input for use of the properties or place them back on the market.

- Veterans Memorial Park-10 Harbor Lane

Debbie updated the committee that she is moving forward on this project. Hopefully by fall there should be bricks laid.

- Events

Debbie updated the committee on upcoming events. John Radkins has two captains that are interested in doing a fishing tournament. They have asked to wait until the end of June. They suggest we start out small and take it from there. Debbie mentioned that she has interest by local deputies in having a Rib cook off. The benefits from this event would go to the Halloween Safe Walk.

Upcoming Board Hearings for stormwater is May 26th in the afternoon at the R.L. Anderson building. June 12th, 9 am at the R.L. Anderson building the Board of County Commissioners will be giving a presentation on 776 Corridor Plan and will be taking comments from the public.

VIII. Board Comments

- a) Vice-Chair Tracy – If you are not planning to attend the meeting let the County Commissioners know you support the LID idea. Great presentation this morning. Very productive meeting.
- b) John Mead – Came to this meeting with a closed attitude and after the presentation this morning his mind has opened up quite a bit with regarding LID. Very impressed with what they had to say.
- c) Chair Davison – Hopes the one comment we heard from the Sarasota official does not put a marker on the project we can not overcome. Not sure what the committee can do about it. I am in favor of the LID project.
- d) John Radkins – Like to say a great friend of Dearborn Street Jan Finley a reporter with Englewood Sun has passed away. Great presentation this morning.
- e) Mary Ellen Diez – Remarkable presentation. Has a lot of faith in the County Commissioners would make the right decision.

VIII. Agenda Items for June 11,2009

Was not discussed

IX. Adjournment

Chair Davison adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Non-Board member sign-in attendance count; 21