

**ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (CRA)  
ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of Aug. 9, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Englewood Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board was held on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at 1 p.m., at Lemon Bay Park, 570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood, FL.

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Mary Ellen Diez

**Sarasota County Staff Present**

Debbie Marks, Interim CRA Coordinator  
Teresa Mast, Neighborhood Services

**Call to Order**

Chairman John Radkins called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. There was a quorum present. Debbie Marks informed all present that Elaine Wickwire will be leaving Englewood CRA as of Aug. 10, 2007.

**Approval of Minutes**

June 14, 2007  
July 12, 2007

The following amendments were made to the July 12, 2007 draft minutes:

- Page 3, last paragraph – Jon needs to be spelled John.
- Page 2, paragraph 1 – change redevelop to develop.
- Page 2, paragraph 1 – add the word “one” in front of hundred.
- Page 2, paragraph 7 – add “ a person to monitor the camera”

Following discussion John Mead **moved** to approve the minutes from both June 14 and the minutes from July 12, as amended. Motion was seconded by Harry Colburn and carried unanimously.

**Open to the Public**

No public comments or questions.

**Discussion Items**

Debbie Marks led the board through the discussion of prioritizing CRA projects. After a great deal of discussion by the board it was decided to combine the projects and approve them in the following order. John Mead **moved** to recommend:

- CID (Community Initiative Development )as priority # 1
- EDI ( Economic Development Incentive) as priority # 2,
- MP (Marketing Plan) as priority # 3,

- NA (Neighborhood Assistance) as priority # 4,
- PI ( Public Infrastructure) as priority # 5,
- PPR (Public, Policy and Regulations) as priority # 6,
- OAR (Organization, Administration, Redevelopment Support) as priority #7.

The motion was seconded by Norman Caldwell carried unanimously.

### **Staff Comments/Reports**

Ms. Marks gave status updates on the following:

The marketing committee has been meeting, members are Chairman Radkins, Elaine Miller Sanchez, Taylor Meal, representing OEVA and Jessi Pasternak, representing the Chamber of Commerce. Discussions are underway to have the Chamber be the focal point for Englewood in order to be able to sustain the efforts after the CRA is gone. The committee is trying to focus on attracting more local people to the area through advertising events on Dearborn Street. The budget is being trimmed a great deal and we will keep the Advisory Board informed as we move forward. Odat's contract will be up in October.

RCTOD is being advertised for a neighborhood workshop on Aug. 30, 2007 at 6 p.m.

Public meetings for waterfront rezoning will be scheduled for September and October due to the fact that a lot of our winter residents aren't back yet.

Stormwater staff is looking at several different ideas for Dearborn Street, they should be ready around the end of the month.

Signs: Debbie presented a set of drawings for the sign, the board would like Debbie to email or call the board members when the final drawings are ready for their review.

Relocating Office: as of Aug. 23, 2007 CRA office will be located at 101 North Orange Avenue. The phone number will remain the same.

Shady Haven and the Marina project: the advisory board is welcome to make recommendations if they would like to, however the CRA is not in the position to purchase additional waterfront property at this time.

### **Open to the Public**

Taylor Meals and Harry Colburn addressed the issue of trying to make 776 a scenic highway. The request was brought forward to sign individual letters petitioning for 776 to be designated a scenic highway. There will be an open house to promote 776 as a scenic highway on Sept. 17, 2007 at Tringali Center, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. CRA office is the drop off location for signed letters that will then go onto the state.

Elaine Miller Sanchez wanted to report that the marketing committee that she serves on with Debbie Marks and others is going really well and that she really appreciates how all of the individual groups are pulling together and working along with CRA. She also requested that particular attention be made when it comes to the brick on the signs and the gold color. She was requesting that she get a copy of the proposed signs prior to signing off. She would prefer stucco finish over the brick.

### **Advisory Board Comments**

Norman Caldwell expressed his great appreciation for all of the organizational skills of the CRA staff.

John Davison expressed his appreciation for the positive movement among the CRA and the board. He is glad to see progress.

Todd Tracy expressed that he thinks the board is finally on the right track. Todd Tracy has a desire to get involved with more items of interest to him. Ms. Marks asked him to email or phone her and she would work very hard to get him involved in some capacity.

Todd Tracy would like to know what are we doing between now and January. Ms. Marks stated that representatives from Stormwater will be invited to the next meeting for a project update.

Harry Colburn really liked how the prioritization was handled today and he is encouraged by how the board is working together. He also requested again for any and all to please sign the letter for the 776 scenic highway movement.

### **Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Chairman Radkins adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.