

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA**

June 21, 2018

5:30 PM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor West called the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers located at 620 East Main Street, Haines City, FL. 33844.

Board Members in attendance were Mayor Morris West, Commissioner Roy Tyler, and Board Member Korri Stallworth. Commissioner Horace West arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Commissioner Huffman, Vice Mayor Mason, and Board Member Kay Ambrose were absent.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1. CRA WORK PLAN

Staff Contact: Mark Bennett, Deputy Director of Development Services/CRA Mgr.

Deputy Director of Development Services and Community Redevelopment Agency Manager presented on the Work Plan and Incentives List.

Staff is working on a revision of the Northeast plan, however, due to no shows for the mandatory pre-bid meeting, the item will need to go back out for bid.

Development Services suggested the establishment of a citizens committee to assist staff. They would further propose a facade grant program, previously implemented by the city commission, an impact fee re-payment program for the entire CRA area but particularly the core improvement area. Further information was given to a marketing plan to bring more hotels to the community, promotion, development and parking lot on 7th street. In addition, more restaurants in the area, way finding signage and housing development.

Mayor West said his recommendation would be to develop residential property for the city considering it is zoned for residential.

Staff went on to state, there is a need as the city grows for the expansion of a municipal complex and a parking garage downtown. There are some lots on the East side proposed for a neighborhood park.

Mayor West asked about the funds in the CRA for this years budget, if funds were allocated to the Northeast Neighborhood Pool, and whether all monies would be used this fiscal year.

Commissioner Tyler - the CRA is currently indebted, if we treat incoming money without keeping in mind the debts or run the expense of the economic downfall of the past, we then find ourselves pulling resources from other needed areas to cover new expenses. The other pool is CRA debt, we have to be good stewards with the peoples monies. He went on to say, planning and preparing for when and if' s, he would not like to pay or allocate resources to add to the burden. Some of these things are without a doubt, amenities however, there are other opportunities to invest in, such as fiber optics. He stated he understands the crowding of one pool and he is not quite sure another pool would eliminate this problem. He said he is not against the pool but more for items that was planned 10 to 12 years ago.

Mayor West - stated the pool is a good idea; the commission came to a consensus concerning the pool and should deliver a pool.

Commissioner West - gave a brief history of the closing of the Dolphus Howard pool and the idea to put a new pool in the Northeast.

City Manager Feacher - talked about the work plan with the Board, he stated the pool is not on the spreadsheet until the consultants study is complete. He went on to say CRA staff members have monies put aside for a pool and will be realized at a later date time.

Mayor West inquired about the facade grants whether it was for new businesses and if so what has the City done to alert the public of these monies. Deputy Director Bennett said it would be for new and existing businesses.

City Manager Feacher said once the workplan is approved, staff would complete a marketing plan; notice will be give to everyone through our media and marketing resources to access the information and incentives list.

A consensus was given by the board for authorization of the work plan.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business the CRA meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

BY: _____

ATTEST:

Linda Bourgeois
City Clerk

