

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Forty Second Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with Chairman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairman; Tim Abell, CRA Member; Fred Frederick; CRA Member; Mike McGowan, CRA Member; John Shay, Legal Associate; and Leigha Steele, Economic Development Coordinator present.

- Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of March 15th, Mike McGowen motioned, Tim Abell seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- Motion to approve minutes of CRA closed session of March 15th, Tim Abell motioned, Mike McGowan seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

- The solar light is up in the CRA parking lot on 518-520 Main Street
- The light is on the corner on the lot, facing away from the residential properties
- Milling from around the City will be continued to be put on 312 Main Street to level out the property
- The millings will allow the property to become more marketable and less permeable
- Jack Brock has retired from the position of Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development, Christian Pulley is not the Acting Director for the Department
- Chairman Crary reached out to the potential developer of 312 Main Street, she has offered to meet with him informally to discuss the offer or set up a formal meeting with herself and Christian Pulley
- The CRA would like Christian to attend the next meeting, Leigha Steele will notify her of the date
- The CRA discussed a need for a vision and a specific plan to renew the Main Street area
- Tim Abell mentioned how canopies and signage on Main Street are deteriorating
- The Department of Economic and Community Development is sending out letters for business owners to fix their signs and canopies, and letters about the grants that are available to renovate the façade of the buildings

The CRA adjourned into closed session at 4:15 p.m. to consider the acquisition of real property and to consult with legal counsel.

The CRA reconvened the regular meeting at 4:27 p.m.

- The owners of the old Pal Jack property, who live out of state, have not responded to Allen Cornell's inquiries yet
- The CRA discussed the need to create spaces for new developments to go, and making newly developed buildings fit in with the historical theme of the area
- The Rainbow Florist building was sold, and the Rainbow Florist business was also sold to a separate owner name Judy

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.