

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Fifty Second Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 – 4:03 P.M.

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. with Chairman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member; Jamal Lee, CRA Member; and Tim Abell, CRA Member present. Christian Pulley, Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development; Robert Love, Deputy Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development; and Leigha Steele, Economic Development Coordinator were also in attendance.

- Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of February 21st, Mike McGowan motioned, Jamal Lee seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- Motion to approve minutes of CRA closed session of February 21st, Jamal Lee motioned, Mike McGowan seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- Update on Venus Theatre: Leigha Steele talked to Deb Randall, owner of Venus Theatre, she said that Dr. Fisher, the dentist who is located at the end unit of C Street Shops, will be buying the building/property. Venus Theatre has had trouble attracting an audience to their location on C Street, and has plans on launching a capital campaign in 2020, but needs the business to grow in order to move forward with any plans for relocation.
- Update on Realtor Dismissal: Larry Taub has prepared a letter to dismiss Real Estate Agent Allen Cornell, which Donna Crary signed at the meeting. His six month contracted term ended in May 2017.
- Update on Gude Mansion:
 - Donna Crary met with Puttin on the Ritz catering company and gave them a tour of the Gude Mansion.
 - Rhonda, owner of Puttin on the Ritz, suggested opening up the archways to create larger entrances to the rooms and a more open floor plan, in lieu of taking down walls.
 - The target for maximum number of people to be accommodated at the Gude Mansion would be 100.

The CRA adjourned into closed session at 4:20 p.m. to discuss the acquisition of real property and to consult with legal counsel.

The CRA reconvened the regular meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.