

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Fifty Fourth Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – 4:02 P.M.

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. with Chairman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member; and Fred Frederick, 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; Larry Taub, City Solicitor; and Leigha Steele, Economic Development Coordinator were also in attendance. Jamal Lee, CRA Member arrived to the meeting at 4:04pm.

- Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of March 28th, Mike McGowan motioned, Fred Frederick seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- Motion to approve minutes of CRA closed session of March 28th, Mike McGowan motioned, Fred Frederick seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

- Vote from April 5th for the initial payment retainer of Lehman Associates for initial design for the Gude Mansion. Motion to approve the payment retainer for Lehman Associates, Mike McGowan motioned, Fred Frederick seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Old Business:

- Event Debriefing – Gude Mansion Soft Tour on April 30th
 - Many people attended including City Officials, City Staff, Media Representatives, and the Public
 - CRA members Mike McGowan, Jamal Lee, and Donna Crary attended
- Gude Mansion
 - The architect and an interior designer both walked through the property and recommended opening up the archways instead of removing entire walls, to reduce creating structural issues
 - The interior design also commented on the walkthrough that widening the doorways between parlor one and two would mean losing the French doors, which is an attractive feature for historic properties.
 - A contractor and structural engineer will do a walk through of the property before any decisions are made regarding the floor plan
 - There has been problems with water going into the basement because the gutters were not routed away from the house, Chairman Crary will do a follow up to make sure it is solved.
 - A suggestion by the interior design to save money is to use heavy primer on the wallpaper, instead of trying to remove the wallpaper which could lead to damage of the plaster
 - Chairman Crary will meet with a water proofing professional, and structural engineer within the next two weeks to do a walkthrough of the property

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

- Chairman Crary will email CRA members with any updates before the next meeting

The CRA reconvened the regular meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 20th, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.