

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Sixty Third Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 – 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 Jamal Lee, CRA Member present. Robert Love, Deputy Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development; Leigha Steele, Economic Development Coordinator; and Larry Taub, City Solicitor were also in attendance.

- Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of March 20th, Mike McGowan motioned, Jamal Lee seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- Approval of the minutes of the CRA closed session minutes of March 20th; Mike McGowan motioned, Jamal Lee seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

- 312 Main Street
 - The City would like to put up half of the money to turn 312 Main Street into a public parking lot
 - The CRA cost would be approximately \$55,000 to complete the project
 - There could be an opportunity to rent spaces on a monthly basis
 - 34 parking spaces, a bike rack, and solar lighting would be included, also possibly electric charging stations
 - CRA members would like to negotiate the CRA's contribution to the build out costs with the CRA, Chairman Crary was authorized to negotiate with the City on the CRA's behalf.
 - Only 2 handicapped spaces are needed for 50 parking spaces or under

Old Business:

- Gude Updates
 - The painter has started work
 - Parts of the plaster on the walls need to be repaired
 - The oil company has filled the oil tank, to move the tank to complete the foundation work, the oil will need to be pumped out and moved into two portable holding tanks. Chairman Crary will give an update on the costs once she receives an estimate.
 - There is hairline fractures in some of the leaded glass windows on the 2nd and 3rd floor windows due to birds
 - The painter will be re-caulking any windows that he can and opening the ones that are painted shut
- Financial Disclosure Statements are due to Lena Grant by April 23rd
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station Updates
 - The Laurel Library has level 2 charging stations that are typically used after hours
 - There is no law in Maryland that prohibits a regular car from parking in an electric vehicle charging space
 - In May, the electric vehicle charging organization will be visiting Laurel to do an analysis of potential locations for the charging stations

The CRA did not go into closed session.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.