

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Sixty Fifth Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 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; Fred Frederick, CRA Member; and Brian Keys, CRA Member present. 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 May 15, 2019, Fred Frederick motioned, Brian Keys seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

- MPIA Request
 - Freedom of Information Act / MPIA request from Richard Friend, a member of the Laurel History Boys organization, for the CRA. Requested items include:
 - A complete list of all past and present CRA members and employees, along with any salaries they received and their dates of tenure
 - A complete list of all CRA real estate transactions for the past 10 years
 - All statements of CRA income and expenses
 - A response to the inquiry was requested within 30 days of the receiving date of June 4, 2019
 - Previous Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development, Jack Brock, stated in the past that all real estate transactions are confidential
 - The specific and private bequest to inquire and improve Gude was from private funds
 - Larry Taub will be handling the MPIA request, an extension might be requested
- Marilyn Johnson Sewing Design Studio will be leasing the former Meat Market storefront on Main Street. She will also be applying for the Main Street Relocation and Facade grants.
- Chairman Crary reached out to 342 Main Street property owner, Joe Tredway about his property. He is waiting on his brother, who is part owner of the property. Chairman Crary will update after information is received.
- There has been an update to the City's ethics policy including a statute that has been passed addressing public behavior of committee members when they are in the community
 - Committee members are not able to use volunteerism on the CRA to further their personal business
 - Larry Taub will discuss the new ethics policies in detail at the next CRA meeting
- EV Charging Station Update
 - The City has identified locations for the charging stations – DiPetro and City Hall
 - Public works will view 312 Main Street to see if it is a viable options for a charging station
- Gude Update
 - The Mitsubishi HVAC units will be installed soon
 - The bride's bathroom and groom's room have been gutted
 - Most of the upper roof will be covered in batting insulation
 - The kitchen, men's bathroom, and ADA bathroom will all have insulation installed
 - All windows will be shored up
 - There is a leak coming from the roof area by the side exit door near the old handicap ramp
 - Emergency exit lights installed on June 19th
 - The sprinkler system is tied into the security system

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

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