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 Brian Keys, CRA Member present. Nathaniel A. Forman, O’Malley, Miles, Nylen, and Gilmore, P.A.; 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. Jamal Lee arrived at 4:04 p.m.

Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of November 20, 2019, Mike McGowan motioned, Brian Keys seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to approve Next Day Blinds proposal, Mike McGowan motioned, Brian Keys seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

• B Street Development update by Robert Love
  o 6 buildings mixed use – commercial/retail on the first floor, apartments above
  o Open layout with a central pavilion and Tolson Alley incorporated into useable space

Old Business:

• Gude Updates by Donna Crary
  o All windows measured for Next Day Blinds. Most windows will have half shutters, the front area will have full shutters. Because of settling, some windows didn’t allow shutters. Those windows will have solar shades.
  o 90 percent of the flooring is complete. A small section of the 1st level need to be sanded and finished.
  o Kitchen appliances are in but need to be hooked up and cycled.
  o Paint needs to be touched up
  o Remotes need to be installed for new LED lighting
  o 8-10 windows were identified as needing to be replaced. Estimates are around $30,000 for windows and an additional $36,000 for window installation.
  o Discussion about table and chair rental and storage options

• 342 Main Street / Main Street Updates
  o The developer, Joey Swartz, is not moving forward with buying the 342 Main Street property.
  o He is starting to look at 389 Main Street for purchase.
  o Marilyn Johnson is not moving forward with leasing the Laurel Meat Market at 347 Main Street due to the excess cost of renovation and build out.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.