

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Seventy Sixth Meeting

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – 4:01 P.M.

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. with Chairman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member; and Brian Keys, CRA Member present. Robert Love, 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 19, 2021, Mike McGowan motioned, Brian Keys seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Jamal Lee joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

New Business:

- The Mansion Updates
 - MHAA Grant Update – Leigha Steele
 - The CRA application was not selected for funding. The application is on the reserve list in case more funding becomes available.
 - Parks and Rec Project Update – Living Classroom
 - The Department of General Services said they need to amend the project with the legislative sponsor for the 22nd session. Sara from the Mayor's office will approach Delegates Ben Barnes and Jim Rosapepe to see how they are able to get the project done. MHT will not weigh in on the project until there is approval to move the site.

Old Business:

- Farmer's Market Lot Improvement Grant
 - CRA Members discussed options for picnic tables and a shade structure for the farmer's market lot
 - Leigha Steele will get price estimates from multiple vendors for the chosen styles
- The Mansion – Lease Update
 - Donna Crary met with the Mayor today (July 21, 2021) and a lease will be signed in September between the CRA and the City
- BGE Bill Update
 - BGE overcharged the CRA about \$1,300 for the parking lot. That amount will be refunded
- Electric Charging Station Update – Robert Love
 - CRA members discussed possible locations for the electric charging stations. It was agreed that two charging stations should be put on the 312 Main Street parking lot.

There will be no CRA meeting in August.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2021 at 4pm.