

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Eighty-Eighth Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 4:05 PM

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting being held at Gude Mansion was called to order at 4:05 pm with Chairman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairwoman; Sean LeVere, CRA Member present, Carlos Lancaster, CRA Member present, Jamal Lee, CRA Member present. Larry Taub, City Solicitor and Cesar Cucufate, Economic Development Coordinator were also in attendance.

Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of October 19, 2022, Donna Crary motioned, Carlos Lancaster seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote 4-0.

New Business:

1. New Business:

a) Details about Small Business Saturday on November 26th.

-Mr. Cucufate spoke about the City's Small Business Passport Program to be taking place during Thanksgiving week. It was mentioned that ECD would be located at the lot at 378 Main St. on November 26th between 9 AM and 12 PM to distribute passport brochures and refreshments.

b) Discuss potential music concert series by the Laurel Arts Council.

-Mr. Cucufate spoke of a prior meeting in which he'd discussed with two members of the L.A.C. a few potential musical events for the springtime. He mentioned the possibility of a monthly concert in the lot at 378 Main Street. Chairwoman Crary noted that the L.A.C. might benefit from communicating with the Director of Parks and Rec in order to put on events on or near Gude Mansion or the DePietro Center.

c) Discuss updates on the shed for the lot at 378 Main Street.

-Mr. Cucufate provided an update on behalf of Director Love in regard to the shed: the wood finished shed has been chosen. It was mentioned that the base for the shed was still being discussed with Parks & Recreation. Chairwoman Crary suggested that gravel as a base might be ideal; it is cheaper, provides drainage, and is more averse to wood rot. Mr. Cucufate also reminded everyone that the search for correctly fitting solar umbrellas continues. There was mention that DPW could secure these to the benches.

Closed Session:

-The CRA had no closed session.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18th at 4pm at Gude Mansion.