

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Ninety-Eighth Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – 4:00 PM

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting being held at Gude Mansion was called to order at 4:07 pm with Chairwoman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairwoman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member present, and Sean LeVere, CRA Member present. Nathaniel Foreman, City Solicitor and Charise Liggins, Economic Development Coordinator, were also in attendance.

Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of February 21, 2024. Mike McGowan motioned; Sean LeVere seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote 3-0.

Old Business:

a) Mapping Pathway Around Lake to Mansion

Chairwoman Crary opened discussion about the pathways being mapped from the Lake to the Mansion. Chairwoman Crary also mentioned that adding signage, trash cans, butterfly bushes and benches will improve the use of the space and create new opportunities for use for events such as marathons. Chairwoman Crary also suggested working with the Laurel Arts Council to add artwork to trash cans placed that will be placed throughout the paths. Mr. McGowan inquired about the distance around the pathways and the benefits of inputting signage. He also brought up the idea of having the mile markers sponsored. Mr. McGowan also suggested a food truck event to be held at the Mansion to utilize the space.

New Business:

a) Main Street Maryland Training

Economic Development Coordinator Ms. Liggins provided an update on the Main Street Maryland 101 training course held in Baltimore on February 21st. She shared some of the best practices for revitalizing and promoting Main Street. Mr. Levere suggested Main Street events that occur after hours or on weekends to consistently engage residents and visitors throughout the year.

Closed Session:

- The CRA commenced a closed session with the city attorney to discuss a real estate matter at 4:27 p.m.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. The next meeting will take place April 17, 2024.