



**RENEW ARLINGTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
ADVISORY BOARD**

City Hall at St. James
117 West Duval Street, 2nd Floor, Conference Room 2C
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 3:30 p.m.

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

MEETING MINUTES

Location: City Hall at St. James, located at 117 West Duval Street, 2nd Floor, Conference Room 2C, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Advisory Board Members Present; Steven Berry-Chairman, Ann Burt-Vice Chair, Danyuell Newkirk, Ronald Salem, Jim Tullis, Matthew Tuohy

Advisory Board Members Absent: Randy Goodwin

Others Present: Kirk Wendland-Executive Director, Karen Nasrallah-Redevelopment Manager, Joyce Morgan-Council Member, John Crescimbeni-Council Vice President, Susan Grand-OGC, Jessica Baker-Mayors Office, Angie Slayton-Administrative Support, Jim Gilmore-IGS, Taylor Meija-IGS, Chris LeDew-JTA, Chris Papoli-Planning and Development, Susan Kelly-Planning and Development, Connie Patterson-Planning and Development, Allen Iosue-Pond Company, Darren Mason-City Council, Roger Taylor-resident, John Okie-resident

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Berry called the Renew Arlington Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the January 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

A MOTION MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER TULLIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. The MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER SALEM. MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2017 WERE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 6-0.

III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

CRA Overlay Updates

Mr. Papoli provided a handout summarizing the timeline of 2017-2018 events, meetings, etc.

- AD Hoc meetings will be: May 2, 2017, May 16, 2017 and June 16, 2017 at Jacksonville University, Davis College of Business Conference Room.

- Invitations have already been sent out to potential of AD hoc Group Members.
- Requests sent to 12 organizations seeking representation.
- Meeting will be open to public and noticed.
- One member from Renew Arlington Advisory Board.
- Moving into fall 2017 will begin scheduling community meetings
 - Develop public engagement plan
 - Once completed and thoroughly vetted, a draft ordinance will be available on City of Jacksonville website
- Summer 2018
 - Final draft of ordinance
 - Public hearings
- Ms. Nasrallah will send out a list of organization invited to join the AD Hoc group

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR BERRY TO RECOMMEND MATT TUOHY TO REPRESENT THE RENEW ARLINGTON ADVISORY BOARD ON THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. MOTION SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER SALEM. MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 5-0.

Complete Streets /Mobility Corridor Presentation – Christopher LeDew

The Complete Street and Mobility Program was created to improve pedestrian safety and bicycle traffic. Mr. LeDew reported with the Local Option Gas tax agreement between JTA and the City of Jacksonville, \$15 million has been dedicated to the program. The first \$5 million is to the immediate needs at bus stops including: ADA ramps and new infrastructure that will bring the bus stops up to standards. This leaves \$10 million for the Complete Streets/Corridor program. The program is currently in the design stages for the top five keystone projects. Merrill Road and University Blvd is a keystone project.

Mr. Iosue advised again that Jacksonville's roadways are not suitable for automobile, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Study groups meet in August 2015 at JU to provide input for this program's needs. From these meetings, a plan was devised beginning with short, medium and long term plans and cost estimates for connecting with the transportation users and how to tie in the community and economics.

An illustration was provided of the "turbo roundabout" that will be used at Merrill Road/University Blvd intersection at the entrance to Jacksonville University. The design of this roundabout will decrease the number on conflict points for entry and exit as it slows traffic creating a safer crossing for pedestrians. This will be the first turbo roundabout in the United States. They have had great success in the Netherlands. This will also decrease the need for more right of way.

- There was discussion on the growth of the area, including JU's incoming students.
- The area does not have much undeveloped land and, therefore it is not considered large enough to cause congestion in this area of more than a few minutes at a later date.
- For pedestrian crossing there are several options.
 - An active pedestrian feature, a push button that activates an electrical device.
 - A rapid flashing beacon –already in use in some areas (Jefferson Ave, at the VA hospital).
 - Pedestrian hybrid beacon –displays yellow slow down, red to stop, then flashing red to alert the drivers when area is clear to proceed.
 - Full pedestrian stop lights- pedestrian activates light to stop traffic completely with a red, yellow and green light. (this is the least likely).

Jacksonville is the fourth worst city in the United States for pedestrian fatalities.

Proposed Tire Legislation

Ms. Grandin advised Councilmember Crescimbeni filed legislation to address how tires are stored. The proposal would place it in two sections in the Ordinance Code. One will create a new Chapter, Chapter 261-changing of provision in the Zoning Code. This is strictly for the storage of tires to be sold. The result should be these tires should not be visible from the right of way or from neighboring properties. Current discussion is which department should enforce this ordinance. The Legislation states any existing business will have five years to comply. Any new business must comply immediately.

- A meeting is scheduled for the week of April 17, 2017 for further discussion.
- Type of barrier still to be determined.
- Currently around 400 tire dealers in Jacksonville.
- Tire and Sign buy back will take place Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the stadium.

Current Year Budget Review

Ms. Nasrallah handed out a copy of the current budget.

- Total available budget - \$343,527
- Fiscal year 17-18 should be available by June 2017

Chair Berry asked when CRA's budget has to be submitted.

Mr. Wendland advised at the latest June or July at the latest. However the numbers will not be in until June to create a forecast. Estimated numbers are around \$300,000.

Ms. Grandin suggested the CRA members send a list of perspective projects to use the fiscal year 16/17 fund balance.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Pending Legislation House Bill 13/ State Bill 1770

Ms. Baker gave copies of the two bills advising both had been through the committees and some amendments were made to make the more similar.

- The House Bill has deleted: CRA's may no longer initiate any new projects or issue any new debt after October 1, 2017. This is NOT in the Senate Bill.
- The House Bill conformed to the Senate Bill on the termination of a CRA. Now states:
 - Unless the governing body of the municipality or the county that created the CRA approves its continued existence, by a super majority vote, A CRA in existence on July 1, 2017 will terminate on the date in the CRA Charter or by September 30, 2037, whichever is earlier.
 - House states no new CRAs after July 1, 2017. Senate states you can create a new CRA by super majority vote after July 1, 2017.
- See bills for more detailed information.

Mr. Tuohy voiced concerns on not having monthly meetings. OED staff advised the Advisory Board Members that if they have a concern or information to be discussed, email to Ms. Nasrallah for placement for the next meeting.

V. BOARD LIAISON UPDATES

There were no liaison board updates.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pastor Roger Taylor from Lakeview Christian Fellowship. Questions and concerns come from the CRA Plan dated October 16, 2015. How does this development affect the church property? Ms. Nasrallah advised that the CRA Plan is only conceptual.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Berry adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Next Renew Arlington CRA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments of this meeting, an audio file of the meeting is available in its entirety and is available upon request. Please contact Angie Slayton at (904) 630-1858, or by email at aslayton@coj.net.