



**JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (JIA/CRA) BOARD**
City Council Chambers
117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 – 2:00 P.M.**

Location: Council Chambers, 1st Floor, City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Agency Board Members Present: Agency Board Chair Aaron Bowman, Agency Board Member Greg Anderson, Lori Boyer, John Crescimbeni, Reginald Gaffney, Jim Love, Joyce Morgan, Sam Newby, Ju’Coby Pittman, Al Ferraro, Terrance Freeman, Danny Becton, Bill Gulliford, Tommy Hazouri and Matt Schellenberg, Randy White, A. Lopez Brosche and Scott Wilson

Agency Board Members Excused: Garrett Dennis

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair A. Bowman called the Jacksonville International Airport Community Redevelopment Agency (JIA/CRA) Board meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2018 JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (JIA/CRA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair A. Bowman opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED APPROVING THE NOVEMBER 13, 2018 JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (JIA/CRA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 18-0-0.

RESOLUTION JIA/CRA-2019-01, CONSIDERATION OF THE COLE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Ms. Nasrallah, Office of Economic Development (OED) noted that the Agency Board deferred consideration of the Cole Road Bridge project at its November 13, 2018 Agency Board meeting pending additional questions and clarification of a few items. She noted that the Resolution meets the project requirements of ORD 2018-555 (09/25/2018) adding that the project is in compliance with the Redevelopment Plan, as stated.

Ms. Nasrallah provided a brief overview of Resolution JIA/CRA-2019-01 for the Cole Road Bridge Project. The project is to provide enhancements to accommodate a large sign for traffic heading southbound on I-295/95 to mirror the sign on the overpass on the south side of town at St. Augustine Road that reads, "Jacksonville". The project also includes the addition of a bike lane and a sidewalk on the north side of the road with a barrier separation between the roadway and the sidewalk. Total cost of the project is \$2.8 million.

Ms. Nasrallah noted that Exhibit A of the Resolution is the JIA/CRA Advisory Board Resolution recommending the project for the Agency Board's approval. She also reviewed the budget included in Exhibit A and noted that in the approved JIA/CRA FY 2018/2019 budget, we received revenues of \$11,685,008. There were administrative expenses, financial obligations and some plan authorized expenditures leaving a balance in the Unallocated Plan Authorized Expenditures of \$5,646,772. If the Agency Board approves the project today, the \$5,646,772 from the Unallocated Plan Authorized Expenditures will transfer to the Cole Road Bridge Project leaving a balance of \$2,846,772 in Unallocated Plan Authorized Expenditures.

Duane Kent, Public Works, Engineering, was present to address some of the questions and comments from the November 13, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Kent replied to a question Agency Board Member Crescimbeni asked at the November meeting regarding the cost associated with the "Jacksonville" sign portion of the project. Mr. Kent advised that a sign was already planned for the project and being funded through FDOT. The "Jacksonville" signage was an enhancement recommended by Archer Western as part of their bidding process. He added that because there is a wash with the cost of the sign the cost is not reflected in the scope.

Mr. Kent replied to comments from the November meeting regarding the mechanism of the contract for the project. Mr. Kent advised that after discussions with OGC and Procurement, Public Works could piggy back on an existing contract with Archer Western effective immediately and without further delay of the project versus going through an agreement with FDOT, which would take quite some time due to their process.

Agency Board Member Crescimbeni asked what FDOT was paying for the sign and anything else related to the project noting the City's contribution of \$2.8 million. Mr. Kent replied that the total cost of the project is \$158 million.

Agency Board Member Crescimbeni noted that at the November meeting a fence was only depicted on one side of the bridge and asked if the bridge was going to be on both sides of the bridge.

Mr. Kent replied that there will be a sidewalk on the north side of the bridge that leads up to the bridge itself and the intent is to only put a fence on the north side of the bridge where the pedestrian multi-use path will be. He added that there will not be a sidewalk that leads up to the bridge on the south side.

Agency Board Member Boyer asked for clarification if the Agency Board was approving the signage in terms of style and scope of the fence only and not approving any cost or budget related to the sign. Mr. Kent concurred.

Agency Board member Boyer asked for clarification if all of the cost in the budget were associated with the construction element of the project such as building the sidewalk, the multi-use path and installation of the fencing to ensure pedestrian safety on the north side. Mr. Kent concurred adding that the widening of the bridge and the raised area that leads up to the bridge is also included.

Agency Board Member Ferraro asked if the taxpayers were saving money by piggy backing off an existing contract. Mr. Kent replied that he cannot address how much, if any the savings would be. He added that if the city were to approach FDOT with a request to add a multi-use path on a bridge they just completed, the cost would be substantially higher.

Agency Board Member Ferraro agreed with Agency Board Member Crescimbeni suggesting fencing on both sides of the bridge.

Agency Board Member Crescimbeni pointed out that there is fencing on both sides of the overpass in Mandarin on Old St. Augustine Road and asked why we would not put fencing on both sides of the Cole Road Bridge project. Mr. Kent replied that the overpass on Old St. Augustine Road has sidewalks on both sides of the bridge.

Agency Board Member Crescimbeni asked about the distance on the bridge between the striped lane of travel and the barrier wall adding that if the space between the striped lane of travel and the barrier wall is enough to look like a sidewalk, a fence should be reconsidered.

Mr. Kent noted that they would take Agency Board Member's suggestion into consideration.

Agency Board Member Love asked for clarification if the letters would be externally lit. Mr. Kent concurred adding that they will be LED lights mounted on the bridge that up light onto the sign.

Agency Board Member Boyer commented for clarification that FDOT has a contract with Archer Wester who is building the bridge. She asked if the Agency Board does not approve the project today and does not put the fence and the sign and the sidewalk on the one side of the bridge there

will still be a barrier wall and a space that might look like a sidewalk adjacent to the travel lane on the south side of the bridge. Mr. Kent concurred.

Agency Board Member Boyer asked for clarification if the Agency Board approved the project today to include directing the funding of the fence, the extra bridge abutments and the sidewalk extension on the north side of the bridge, nothing would preclude the Agency Board from returning at the May meeting and if FDOT still insists in adding more money for fencing on the south side and insist that we pay for the fence, or if they agree on their own to provide fencing on the south side of the bridge. Mr. Kent concurred.

Agency Board Member Boyer encouraged the Agency Board to vote in favor of the resolution before them today in addition to directing staff to peruse fencing on the south side of the bridge.

Chair Bowman commented that to go through the effort and work to only have signage and fencing on one side of the bridge on such a heavily traveled road would be a missed opportunity. He commented that he looks forward to the May meeting and staff returning with what would be involved to have signage and fencing on both sides of the bridge.

Chair A. Bowman opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY AGENCY BOARD MEMBER GAFFNEY AND SUPPORTED BY AGENCY CHAIRMAN A. BOWMAN TO DEFER RESOLUTION JIA/CRA-2019-01, CONSIDERATION OF THE COLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 18-0-0.

Chair A. Bowman opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

III. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair A. Bowman adjourned the Jacksonville International Airport Community Redevelopment Agency (JIA/CRA) Board meeting at approximately 2:21 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 Michelle Stephens at (904) 630-1979, or by email at msteph@coj.net.