



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, March 14, 2018 – 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; Matt Tuohy-Chairman, Randy Goodwin - Vice Chair, Dr. Ronald Salem, , Danyuella Newkirk, Ann Burt, Raj Adhikari

Advisory Board Members Absent: Steven Berry

Others Present: Kirk Wendland-Executive Director, Karen Nasrallah-Redevelopment Manager, Paul Crawford-Deputy Director, Angie Slayton-Administrative Support, Taylor Meija-IGS, Susan Grandin-OGC, Katrin MacDonald-CM Morgan Representative, Joyce Morgan-Councilwoman, John Crescimbeni-Councilman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Renew Arlington Advisory Board Chairman Tuohy called the Renew Arlington Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Chairman Tuohy welcomed Raj Adhikari as the new Renew Arlington Advisory Board member.

II. ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the February 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENEW ARLINGTON ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER SALEM TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RENEW ARLINGTON ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER GOODWIN. MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2017 WERE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Draft Five Year Plan

Chairman Tuohy distributed a Renew Arlington Creating a Better Tomorrow packet for the Renew Arlington Advisory Board Members to review at their leisure. Chairman Tuohy also reviewed a five year draft plan with the Renew Arlington Advisory Board then opened the floor for discussion of possible projects.

Renew Arlington Advisory Board Member Salem spoke on the Coast Bike Route on page nine of the booklet Chairman Tuohy handed out. Renew Arlington Advisory Board Member Salem would like to include the bike/pedestrian path at Blue Cypress Park. Blue Cypress Park is out of the Renew Arlington CRA Boundary. Ms. Nasrallah suggested the Renew Arlington Advisory Board Members to focus on the Complete Streets project within the CRA Boundary and discuss how to connect paths in the CRA with those pedestrian/bike paths outside of the CRA boundary once we complete the four phases of the Complete Streets project.

Renew Arlington Advisory Board Member Burt spoke on the Heritage Corridor. Norman Studios has been designated a Historic Landmark. Old Arlington Inc. would like to have a building for restrooms added to the property. It is on the Parks department five year plan. No estimated cost is currently available.

Mr. Wendland advised that the early focus of previous/other CRA's was on commercial development to help attract redevelopment that would increase the available funding for future incremental projects.

There was discussion on electric infrastructure within the boundary. Renew Arlington Advisory Board Member Salem asked about underground electric to clean up the wire blight. Councilman Crescimbeni advised that an Advanced Wireless Deployment Act was passed by the Florida Legislature. The City has filed legislation 2017-863. This Ordinance states that telecommunication companies to place on the right-of-way, antenna and supporting ancillary devices with only minor regulations from the local government. These are small cell 5G cell towers that would increase the number of ancillary and antenna devices. It is estimated that in a heavily populated residential area, up to 150 devices would be needed per square kilometer. Tentatively, they will be placed on top of street lights and/or telephone poles adding to corridor blight.

There was discussion and a request to have JEA come in to give a presentation and estimated cost of underground utilities. Ms. Nasrallah will invite JEA to a future meeting.

There was discussion on lower crime rates in the Arlington area. A request was made to ask Zone Chief Mitchell to come in for an update of the area. Ms. Nasrallah will invite Chief Mitchell to a future meeting.

Councilman Crescimbeni discussed the ongoing tire legislation that has morphed into other areas such as service stations, car washes and convenience stores. Legislation, if passed, will allow a five year grace period for current businesses to become compliant. Any new business in this area would require immediate compliance.

Update on Legislative Session.

Ms. Nasrallah advised that although there were many amendments to the proposed House bill, the Senate never took up any actions. For the moment, there are no changes to existing CRA Statutes.

Update Façade Grant RFP

Ms. Nasrallah advised the Façade Grant Program was approved by the Renew Arlington CRA Agency Board. The RFP will go to the Professional Services Evaluation Committee on Thursday. After approval the next step will be advertisement. Responses are due by May 3, 2018.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Morgan advised that a meeting had taken place regarding the Bethelite property. It was reported that the owners have agreed to allow the property to be turned into a “group home” for children ages 9-21. This project does not have to come before the CRA Advisory Board or City Council for approval due to the zoning on the property. She was told that by November 2018 they will be positioned to take their first children. We will continue to work with all parties.

Renew Arlington Advisory Board members were asked to be prepared to discuss the FY 18/19 budget at the May 9, 2018 meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Tuohy adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Next Renew Arlington CRA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 3:30 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.