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OLDE EAU GALLIE RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE / WATERFRONTS FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES December 8, 2011 ♦ 8:00 A.M.

1. A meeting for the Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee was held at the Eau Gallie Civic Center, located at 1551 Highland Avenue, and was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman, Link Johnsten.

2. All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. The following members were:

Present: Link Johnsten, Chairman
Ralph Sanders, Vice Chairman
Rick Dillen, Member
George Alexander, Member
Gene Davis, Member
Priscilla Clendenin, Member

Absent: Rick Hester, Member
Robert Henry, Member (Alternate)

Also Present: Doug Dombroski, Economic and Redevelopment Coordinator
Kelly Delmonico, Planner
Angela Howard, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes- October 13, 2011 Regular Minutes

Moved (Davis/Clendenin) to accept the October 13, 2011 regular minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

CRA Project Update

Pineapple Park Improvements

Mr. Dombroski reported that the bid documents and other required materials will be ordered through the City and the project should complete within one year.

Eau Gallie Streetscape

In November, the Eau Gallie Main Street Design Committee and City Staff held a joint meeting with Littlejohn Engineering (formerly LDI). Littlejohn has completed their revisions and a final plan will be brought to the CRA for review by the Design Committee.

Mr. Dombroski explained that due to FDOT's study of the westbound turn lane on Eau Gallie a conceptual design has been included in the event there are changes to west bound Eau Gallie Blvd.

Façade Program & Overlay Zone

Mr. Dombroski reported that he has not received any new Façade applications. He suggested that Staff send letters to the qualifying area and hold an information workshop in 2012. The 587 W. Eau Gallie project is near completion.

FDOT Traffic Study

Staff should have the analysis from FDOT next month; however, in anticipation of the project staff has included an additional block between Highland Avenue and Guava in the Streetscape Project.

Other Small Projects

Mr. Dombroski said staff has started identifying sidewalks along Highland Avenue for maintenance. Retail businesses may be interrupted during the repairs; however, City Staff will try to minimize disruption during the holiday season

The Murals Program is underway.

Electrical improvements are planned in Eau Gallia Square once the electrician position is filled.

6. Eau Gallie Main Street Design Committee Projects

Mr. Kaiserman displayed a conceptual plan for landscaping along Eau Gallie Blvd.

Discussion took place regarding FDOT's potential plans of the turn lane along Eau Gallie Blvd.

By general consensus, the committee agreed on the direction of the Design Committee for the conceptual landscape plans.

Mr. Kaiserman said the signage program encompasses sections US1, Eau Gallie Blvd, and Montreal Avenue. He presented various signage samples for the committee to review. Mr. Kaiserman mentioned using QR Codes on the kiosk to link directly to each merchant. He also mentioned that each individual kiosk could be electronic.

Mr. Dombroski suggested that kiosks having power with computer technology are expensive to implement. The Downtown CRA decided to avoid those costs in their wayfinding system.

Mr. Sanders asked if there has been a discussion about changing the EGAD logo and/or website.

Mr. Kaiserman clarified that there had been discussions about modifying the website. He said a new in the long run it would save money while being more comprehensive, nor would it require a webmaster to update.

Mr. Mittleman said the current website uses technology that is four to five years old that requires hiring a professional webmaster to make any changes to the site. Updating the current technology would allow staff to make the changes.

Mr. Kaiserman announced the Razzle Dazzle event and the Murals Extravaganza this weekend.

7. Future Small Projects Prioritization

Ms. Delmonico reviewed the results of the small project prioritization. Based on the rankings each member provided Staff, raised crosswalks ranked first followed by parking lot improvements.

Mr. Dillen questions improving lots that are leased and could end at anytime.

Mr. Davis asked if flashing crosswalks could be included with the raised crosswalk project along Pineapple Avenue.

Mr. Dombroski said he would refer the question to the Engineering Department.

8. Additional Discussion

Mr. Johnsten presented Mr. Alexander with his ten-year pin and thanked him for his service.

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Mr. Sanders requested that handicap ramps be included in the sidewalk repairs.

Ms. Delmonico said the improvements will adhere to all ADA requirements.

Mr. Johnsten reiterated that it is important for the businesses to have a schedule of the repairs.

Mr. Dombroski said he pointed out that the holiday season would not be a good time to start repairs in front of the retail businesses.

Mr. Kaiserman introduced Ms. Burkhardt as the new Executive Director for Eau Gallie Main Street.

Mr. Dillen asked if the restrooms in Pineapple Park are locked at 3:30 P.M. before the park closes.

Mr. Dombroski said he has spoken with Leisure Services regarding the same complaint and has been told that the restrooms are not locked at 3:30. The restrooms are locked at 5:00 P.M. because they will not be left unlocked into the evening hours to avoid vandalism and misconduct.

An audience member announced a meeting on January 15, 2012 in Tallahassee to lobby for the dredging of the Eau Gallie River. More information is available at www.thegreproject.org

Mr. Alexander asked if the alley, east of Ace Hardware, could be left open during the Arts Works upcoming event.

9. Adjournment

Moved (Davis/Dillen) to adjourn meeting 9:10 A.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Howard, Recording Secretary