



Ocala

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Community Redevelopment Area Agency Board

Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

3:30 PM

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call

Present

Mayor Ben Marciano
Vice Chair Jay A. Musleh
Kristen M. Dreyer
James P. Hilty Sr
Barry Mansfield
Chairperson Ire J. Bethea Sr

3. Public Notice

- Public Notice for the January 20, 2026 Community Redevelopment Area Agency Board Meeting was posted on December 17, 2025

4. Minutes Approval

4a. December 2, 2025 CRA Meeting

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

5. Agenda Items

5a. Downtown Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Commercial Building Improvement Grant for property located at 40 S. Magnolia Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 40 S Magnolia Avenue. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$50,000.00; staff recommends approval. He confirmed the 10% cap applies to a different grant program with Council Member Hilty.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jay A. Musleh

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 5b.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Residential Property Improvement Grant for property located at 1030 NE Fifth Street, in an amount not to exceed \$5,370

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 1030 NE 5th Street. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$5,370.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 5c.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Residential Property Improvement Grant for property located at 713 NE Fourth Street, in an amount not to exceed \$9,667

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 713 NE 4th Street. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$9,667.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 5d.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Residential Property Improvement Grant for property located at 719 NE Fourth Street, in an amount not to exceed \$6,292

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 719 NE 4th Street. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$6,292.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 5e.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Residential Property Improvement Grant for property located at 206 NE 12th Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$8,516

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 206 NE 12th Avenue. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$8,516.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 5f.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Residential Property Improvement Grant for property located at 903 NE Second Street, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 903 NE 2nd Street. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$20,000.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: Jay A. Musleh

- AYE:** Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr
- 5g.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Residential Property Improvement Grant for property located at 1224 NE 12th Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$8,781

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 1224 NE 12th Avenue. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$8,781.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: James P. Hilty Sr

SECONDER: Kristen M. Dreyer

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 5h.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Residential Property Improvement Grant for property located at 937 NE Third Street, in an amount not to exceed \$6,374

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 937 NE 3rd Street. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$6,374.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 5i.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Residential Property Improvement Grant for property located at 837 NE Second Street, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 837 NE 2nd Street. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$20,000.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 5j.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Residential Property Improvement Grant for property located at 214 NE 11th Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$2,764

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 214 NE 11th Avenue. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$2,764.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 5k.** East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Historic Building Improvement Grant for property located at 732 NE Second Street, in an amount not to exceed \$30,549

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 732 NE 2nd Street. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$30,549.00; staff recommends approval.

Council Member Dreyer abstained from the vote.

City Attorney Sexton and City Manager Pete Lee advised the Board that the grant does not include a restriction or condition regarding paint color.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Barry Mansfield

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

AYE: Musleh, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

ABSTAIN: Dreyer

- 5l. East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Historic Building Improvement Grant for the property located at 721 NE Second Street, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 721 NE 2nd Street. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount is \$40,000.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: Barry Mansfield

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

- 5m. East Ocala Community Redevelopment Area Commercial Property Improvement Grants for the property located at 605 East Silver Springs Boulevard, a two-phased grant award in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 and not to exceed \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2026-27

Presentation By: Roberto Ellis

Economic Development Manager Roberto Ellis discussed a grant application for the property located at 605 East Silver Springs Boulevard. The grant funds will be allocated towards improvements. The requested grant amount for a two-phased project (Fiscal Years: 2025-26 and 2026-27) is \$50,000.00; staff recommends approval.

There being no further discussion the motion carried by roll call vote.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Kristen M. Dreyer

SECONDER: James P. Hilty Sr

AYE: Musleh, Dreyer, Hilty Sr, Mansfield, and Bethea Sr

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:51 pm

Minutes

Ire J. Bethea
Chairperson

Angel B. Jacobs
City Clerk