



Ocala

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West Ocala Redevelopment Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024

3:00 PM

1. Call To Order

a. Roll Call

Present

Chairman Barbara Brooks
Elgin Carelock
Reginald E. Landers Jr.
Vice Chairman Ruth Etta Reed
Antoinette Hunt

Absent

Carolyn Adams
Dwan Thomas
Brady Fritz

2. Public Notice

The public notice information for the West Ocala CRA Advisory Committee was published on November 7, 2024.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

RESULT: APPROVED

September 19, 2024

Attachments: [Draft Min Sept 19](#)
[Brooks. B - CRA24-45788](#)

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Elgin Carelock

SECONDER: Reginald E. Landers, Jr.

AYE: Chairman Brooks, Carelock, Landers, Vice Chairman Reed, and Hunt

ABSENT: Adams, Thomas, and Fritz

4. Grants/Applications

a. CRA24-0001 - 808 NW 6th Terrace

Attachments: [CRA24-0001 - 808 NW 6th Terrace](#)

Economic Development Specialist Marie Mesadieu discussed a grant application for the property located at 808 NW 6th Terrace. The applicant is proposing the following improvements: windows. The total project cost is \$19,563.30; the grant will cover 75% of the cost. Staff recommends approval of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$14,672.47.

Motion to approve CRA24-0001 in an amount not to exceed \$14,672.47.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Elgin Carelock

SECONDER: Reginald E. Landers, Jr.

AYE: Chairman Brooks, Carelock, Landers, Vice Chairman Reed, and Hunt

ABSENT: Adams, Thomas, and Fritz

b. CRA24-0004 - 1963 SW 3rd Street

Attachments: [CRA24-0004 - 1963 SW 3rd Street](#)

Mrs. Mesadieu discussed a grant application for the property located at 1963 SW 3rd Street. The applicant is proposing the following improvements: windows and fence replacement. The lowest bid received for the project is \$26,418.94; the grant will cover 75% of the cost. Staff recommends approval of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$19,814.21.

Motion to approve CRA24-0004 in an amount not to exceed \$19,814.21.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Elgin Carelock

SECONDER: Reginald E. Landers, Jr.

AYE: Chairman Brooks, Carelock, Landers, Vice Chairman Reed, and Hunt

ABSENT: Adams, Thomas, and Fritz

5. Project Updates

a. Reed Place Master Plan Concept

Attachments: [Reed Place Master Plan Concept](#)

Planning Director Aubrey Hale discussed the Reed Place Brownfield Revitalization Plan. The City is evaluating supportive land uses around the Community Center. The goal is to increase single-family and multifamily uses. The proposed project will be considered by City Council at a future meeting. He clarified the following: parking, public notice process, community outreach efforts, and approved zoning. The public can submit feedback by completing the online survey.

b. City surplus lots

Attachments: [City surplus lots - Approved October 2024](#)

Mr. Hale discussed the City surplus lots for affordable housing. The construction of single-family residential homes was approved. Four parcels will be sold (D&S Development) and two parcels will be donated (Gainesville Neighborhood Housing and Development Corporation).

6. Other Business

a. Ocala CRA - Grant Review Committee Guidelines

Attachments: [Ocala CRA - Grant Review Committee Guidelines](#)

Mr. Hale discussed the Grant Review Committee (GRC) guidelines. The City is requesting the Committee elect 2 representatives to increase the efficiency of the grant approval process and ensure compliance with the Sunshine Laws.

Motion to approve appointment of Antoinette Hunt and Ruth Etta Reed as GRC representatives.

7. Public Comments

Regs Boatwright, 2100 SW 5th Place, expressed concern regarding the lack of a monument on the property that was once Mount Mariah Baptist Church that was sold to the City of Ocala. She requested the City and establish a monument to preserve the history of the community.

Mr. Hale confirmed the City will be reserve an area for a monument. He encouraged Ms. Boatwright to attend the City Council meeting scheduled for December 3, 2024, the contractor for the project will be selected at this meeting.

8. Staff Comments

None

9. Board Comments

Mr. Landers requested the Committee consider adjusting the meeting times to a later time to better accommodate the public.

10. Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2025

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.