

# Westside Redevelopment Board

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – 3:30 P.M. Central 222 W. Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Pensacola FL 32502 Vince Whibbs, Sr. Conference Room

#### **RECORD OF MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Doug Baldwin, Sr., Chair	Tederria L. Puryear
James L. Gulley, Vice Chair	
Dianne Robinson	
C. Marcel Davis	
Jewel Cannada-Wynn	

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Helen Gibson .......CRA Administrator Victoria D'Angelo ..................Asst. CRA Administrator

# 1. Call to Order/Quorum

Meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Chairman, Doug Baldwin, Sr..

The Board's Rules of Order and Decorum were read by Chairman Baldwin.

# 2. Determination of Quorum

A quorum was present.

# 3. Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2018

Board Member C. Marcel Davis made a motion to approve the October 23, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Board Member Dianne Robinson and carried unanimously.

#### 4. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

#### 5. New Business

# a. Action Item: 2019 EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Application

Ms. D'Angelo advised the Board that PPM Consultants had requested a commitment letter from the Westside Redevelopment Board to support an application for an EPA Brownfields Assessment grant.

Board member Davis made a motion to authorize the WRB Chairperson to submit a letter to PPM Consultants agreeing to support an Escambia County 2019 EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman James Gulley and carried unanimously.

# b. Action Item: Support for Multi-Modal Transportation Improvements

Ms. D'Angelo informed the Board that a funding opportunity was available through the FDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) to provide for construction of multi-modal improvements. She reviewed proposed projects for submittal under the Program. Discussion ensued amongst the Board and CRA staff with staff responding to questions accordingly.

Board member Jewel Cannada-Wynn made a motion to affirm the Board's support for the design and construction of multi-modal improvements to West Main Street, North "L" Street, West Gregory Street, West Wright Street, and Pace Boulevard, as located within the City of Pensacola's Westside redevelopment district. Motion seconded by Board Member Davis and carried 4 to 1, with Vice-Chairman Gulley dissenting.

Comments were provided by the following person(s):

- Drew Buchanan, 211 S. Florida Blanca Street, Pensacola FL
- Gloria Horning, 310 S DeVilliers Street, Pensacola FL

#### 6. Reports and Announcements

#### a. Information Item: Update on Commercial Façade Improvement Program

Ms. D'Angelo provided an update on the Commercial Façade Improvement Program. She informed the Board that amendments to the program guidelines were approved by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) during its December meeting. Discussion ensued among the Board and Ms. D'Angelo fielding comments and questions. Ms. D'Angelo and Ms. Gibson responded accordingly.

#### b. Information Item: Update on CRA Urban Design Overlay District

Ms. D'Angelo provided an update on the CRA Urban Design Overlay District. She informed the Board that on September 18, 2018, the overlay was brought back to the Planning Board for a second public hearing and approved as presented. She explained that the CRA considered the overlay, along with three (3) additional proposed changes during its October meeting; however, the vote failed and was therefore pulled from the City Council agenda. She stated that no additional meetings had been scheduled to further consider the overlay.

#### c. Information Item: Update to Rules and Procedures

Ms. D'Angelo advised the Board that City Council had recently adopted legislation requiring that its appointed boards solicit public input prior to any action, and presented guidelines delineating the recommended process.

# d. Information Item: Westside CRA Financial Report

Ms. D'Angelo informed the Board that in September 2018, the Pensacola City Council adopted a budget for fiscal year 2019, which included the budget for the Westside Tax Increment Financing District. CRA staff reviewed the adopted budget and financial report with the Board and responded to questions accordingly.

# 7. Board Member Comments

Board Member Cannada-Wynn and Chairman Doug Baldwin, Sr. provided comments regarding building consensus amongst the Board. Vice-Chairman Gulley provided comments regarding development in the Westside redevelopment district and the Tanyard neighborhood.

# 8. Open Forum

Comments were provided by the following person(s):

- Goreatha Simmons, 2618 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pensacola FL
- Drew Buchanan, 211 S. Florida Blanca Street, Pensacola FL

# 9. Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.