

**MINUTES
COCOA CRA
REGULAR MEETING
August 2, 2021**

FINAL

The Regular Meeting of the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency was held on August 2, 2021 at City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Blake called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Michael C. Blake	Chairperson
Alex Goins	Vice Chairperson
Lavander Hearn	Agency Member
Rip Dyal	Agency Member
Lorraine Koss	Agency Member
Janne Etz	Agency Member
Candace Rogers	Agency Member
Anthony Garganese	Agency Attorney
Lori Chabot	Recording Secretary

PRESENT:

Michael C. Blake	Chairperson
Alex Goins	Vice Chairperson (<i>arrived at 6:02 pm</i>)
Rip Dyal	Agency Member
Lorraine Koss	Agency Member
Janne Etz	Agency Member
Lavander Hearn	Agency Member
Candace Rogers	Agency Member
Anthony Garganese	Agency Attorney
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ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Stockton Whitten, City Manager, **Charlene Neuterman**, Community Services Interim Director. **Samantha Senger**, Asst to City Manager.

Agency Member Hearn led the assembly in the Invocation and **Agency Member Dyal** led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

AGENDA: Regular Meeting August 2, 2021 as written or with amendments.

MINUTES: Special Meeting of July 13, 2021 as written or with amendments.

*** MOTION by Agency Member ETZ; SECONDED by Agency Member KOSS to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 2, 2021, as written.**

AYES: BLAKE, ETZ, DYAL, KOSS, HEARN, ROGERS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

*** MOTION by Agency Member ETZ; SECONDED by Agency Member HEARN to approve the Minutes for the July 13, 2021, meeting as written.**

AYES: BLAKE, ETZ, DYAL, KOSS, HEARN, ROGERS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

III. DELEGATIONS:

Brad Whitmore – 351 Rockledge Drive, HCVMS provided Agency Members a summary of his presentation which he offered to present at a future date. His proposal outlined a request for HCVMS to partner with the Cocoa CRA on a community project. He stated that this project aligned with the Master Waterfront Plan Update to “Find a Spot for a Dog Park”. He continued, due to the dog friendly nature of the village businesses, this off leash dog area would add to the making of Cocoa Village benefiting the local pet owners. Mr. Whitmore stated that Cocoa Village owes a good part of its success to being recognized as the most dog friendly shopping area in Brevard. He referenced his 10- minutes presentation which outlines and detailed consideration for the path forward to make this project a reality. *His summary follows.*

HISTORIC COCOA VILLAGE MAIN STREET

OFF-LEASH DOG AREA
PROPOSAL TO THE COCOA CRA

August 2, 2021

Brad Whitmore

- HCVMS would like to partner with Cocoa CRA on a community improvement project.
- 2018 Master Waterfront Plan Update Summary allowed to “Find a spot for Dog Park?”
- We believe an off-leash dog area, whether small and simple, or a fully developed dog park, would add toward making Cocoa Village a true destination for a significantly sizable demographic, while benefitting the local pet owners as well.
- Please note that Cocoa Village owes a good part to its success to being recognized as the most dog-friendly shopping area in Brevard.
- We have a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation that outlines and details considerations for a path forward that we look forward to presenting to the Cocoa CRA.

Vice Chairperson Goins arrived at 6:02.

IV. **PRESENTATIONS:** - NONE

Relative to the first Action Item 5.1, Mayor Blake requested the agency consider tabling the item and request of the staff to research additional options to bring to the next meeting.

*** MOTION by Chairperson BLAKE; SECONDED by Vice Chairperson GOINS to Table Agenda Item 5.1 for staff review and to bring back other options to next meeting.**

AYES: BLAKE, GOINS, ETZ, DYAL, KOSS, HEARN, ROGERS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

V. ACTION ITEMS: ITEM 5.1 TABLED.

1. Approve a Budget Transfer (BAF #21-098-T) for \$50,000 to purchase replacement snowfall lights for trees in the Historic Cocoa Village for this year's holiday season. Authorize the City Manager to execute the single source purchase order and approve the Exception from Competitive Purchase form. Staff is also seeking direction related to the annual timing of the lighting installation to include one of the following:

- a. Continue with the year-round lighting with a reoccurring cost of \$50,000, annually to cover the decreased life of the lighting, damage due to inclement weather, and damage due to animals.

- b. Restore the original lighting plan to install and remove lighting in November and January, respectively with a reoccurring cost of \$12,500.

2. Agency approval of the Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Cocoa CRA budget, a Change Order of \$800.00 and a BAF (#21-099-T) transferring funds from Contingency to Infrastructure to cover costs due to an increase in cost of aluminum needed to construct the figurines for the Gateway Entry project.

Chairperson Blake read the item and turned it over to Interim Director Neuterman. She reviewed the history of the Gateway Entry project and explained costs to construct the figurines had increased due to the increase in aluminum. Therefore, staff is requesting Agency approval for the Resolution and BAF to increase the project costs by \$800.00 which Mrs. Neuterman added seemed a reasonable amount.

*** MOTION by Vice Chairperson GOINS; SECONDED by Agency Member KOSS** for Agency approval of the Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Cocoa CRA budget, a Change Order of \$800.00 and a BAF (#21-099-T) transferring funds from Contingency to Infrastructure to cover costs due to an increase in cost of aluminum needed to construct the figurines for the Gateway Entry project.

AYES: BLAKE, GOINS, ETZ, KOSS, DYAL, HEARN, ROGERS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

3. Review and select from the submitted Art Work for the Public Street Art Design in front of the Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse.

Chairperson Blake introduced the item and turned it over to Interim Director Neuterman who reviewed the project and turned the item over to Samantha Senger, Asst to CM/PR Specialist, who gave additional history and explained there were 8 submissions that followed design criteria and detailed how the process worked.

Ms. Senger added that submission #4 was selected by public as Peoples' Choice and #7 was selected by Committee due to its depiction of the art deco of playhouse.

Discussion continued among Agency Members on the submissions and Agency Member ETZ spoke emphasizing her request that once a design is decided that the Agency stick with it and not pick it apart.

Aleck Greenwood of Cocoa requested to speak and asked about the size of area and questioned whether it would be large enough for the space stating if it was too small people would not see it. Mrs. Senger responded and said the area was measured and the design criteria included the size needed to fill the area.

Each of the Agency Members selected their 3 top choices resulting in the final 3 submissions being #2, #4, and #7 which will go to the next Council meeting for the final selection.

VI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – NONE

VII. UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Neuterman updated Agency Members about the Gateway Entry Project and that staff should be bringing back completed pictures to next meeting and will move forward to getting concrete for installation of the figurines.

Agency Member Hearn asked for an update on the fishing pier. Mrs. Neuterman replied that staff has received an analysis report and it is being reviewed by Public Works. Once complete, staff will bring back a full report.

Agency Member Koss and Chairperson Blake asked about Mr. Whitmore's presentation and stated they would like to see it in full. Mr. Whitmore approached the podium and they agreed he would be on the next Agenda under Presentations for the Cocoa CRA Meeting.

Mrs. Neuterman clarified the next Cocoa CRA Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cocoa Redevelopment Agency will be on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers located in Cocoa City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*** MOTION by Agency Member DYAL; SECONDED by Agency Member ETZ to adjourn the meeting.**

AYES: BLAKE, ETZ, DYAL, GOINS, KOSS, HEARN, ROGERS

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:29 PM.

Michael C. Blake, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lori Chabot, Recording Secretary