



RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD

Hybrid Virtual & In-Person Meeting

City Hall, 117 West Duval Street

Mezzanine, Exam Room 1

Jacksonville, FL 32202

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Location: The RA/CRA Advisory Board meeting was held as a hybrid virtual and in-person meeting. The RA/CRA Advisory Board Members met in person at City Hall, 117 West Duval Street, Mezzanine Level – Exam Room 1.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Present: Advisory Board Chair Matt Tuohy, Advisory Board Vice Chair Stephen Matchett, Advisory Board Members Dedee Harper, Danyuell Newkirk, Monty Selim, Bandele Onasanya, Randy Goodwin and Ramsey Salem

RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Not Present: Advisory Board Member Raj Adhikari

Staff Present: Kirk Wendland, OED Executive Director; Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment Manager; and Michelle Stephens, Recording Secretary

Representing the Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera

Representing the Office of City Council: Chet Aikens, ECA for CW Joyce Morgan, District 1

Others Present: Zach Miller, Law Office of Zach Miller; Jim Gilmore, Strategic Advisor at the Southern Group; Scott Bacon, Jacksonville University; Chris Ware, The Haskell Company

Participating via Zoom: Brian Wheeler, OED staff; Abigail Trout, Land Use Planner, Planning and Development Department

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair M. Tuohy called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 12, 2022, AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 25, 2022

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE CHAIR S. MATCHETT AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER RAMSEY SALEM APPROVING THE OCTOBER 12, 2022 RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE OCTOBER 25, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair M. Tuohy opened the floor for nominations of Chair for calendar year 2023.

Advisory Board Member M. Selim nominated RA/CRA Advisory Board current Chair, Matt Touhy to serve another year as Chair of the RA/CRA Advisory Board. Chair M. Tuohy accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for Chair.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER M. SELIM AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER R. GOODWIN TO RE-ELECT MATT TUOHY AS CHAIR OF THE RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0.

Chair M. Tuohy opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair for the calendar year 2023.

Chair M. Tuohy nominated RA/CRA Advisory Board current Vice Chair, Steve Matchett to serve another year as Vice Chair of the RA/CRA Advisory Board. Vice Chair Steve Matchett accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for Vice Chair.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR M. TUOHY AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER R. GOODWIN TO RE-ELECT STEVE MATCHETT AS VICE CHAIR OF THE RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0.

Advisory Board Member Dedee Harper arrived at the meeting at approximately 3:36 p.m. after the election of officers for calendar year 2023.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR REZONING 2022-0899

Ms. Abigail Trout, Land Use Planner with the Planning and Development Department, provided an overview of Application for Rezoning (2022-0899). Ms. Trout advised that the Land Use Amendment Application is located at 0 Mayer Drive between Arlington Road and the Arlington Expressway. The site is 0.31 acres with a current land use designation of Residential, Professional Institutional (RPI) and is requesting a change to Low Density Residential (LDR). The companion rezoning application is currently in the Commercial, Residential and Office (CRO) Zoning District and is requesting a change to Residential Low Density Sixty (RLD-60). The applicant has indicated an intent to use the subject site to allow for single-family residential uses by right. Regarding the Land Use Amendment, the Low Density Residential Land Use Category is intended to provide for low density residential development. Single family residential is permitted at up to seven dwelling units per acre when connected to water and sewer services. Development is limited to one dwelling unit per ¼ of an acre when access is not available to water or sewer and one dwelling unit per ½ acre when no services are accessible. Ms. Trout noted that Mr. Zach Miller with the Law Office of Zach Miller (representing the applicant) was present to answer any questions.

Chair M. Tuohy opened the floor for public comments. There were no speakers.

Advisory Board Member Bandele Onasanya arrived at the meeting at approximately 3:41 p.m.

Advisory Board Member Danyuell Newkirk arrived at the meeting at approximately 3:47 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD VICE CHAIR S. MATCHETT AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DEEDEE HARPER RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR REZONING (2022-0899). THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0-0.

CONSIDERATION OF \$41,300 IN FUNDING FOR THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROJECT

Chair M. Tuohy recused himself due to a conflict of interest and turned the meeting over to Vice Chair S. Matchett. Handouts and a video of the Obelisk Art Project were presented to the Advisory Board.

Mr. Jim Gilmore, Strategic Advisor at the Southern Group on behalf of Jacksonville University introduced Mr. Scott Bacon with Jacksonville University who advised that the Obelisk art proposal for the Jacksonville Roundabout Public Art Project has been going on for a few years prior to the pandemic. As soon as the plans for the roundabout were approved, the plans for the public artwork went into place. In collaboration with the City, the Cultural Council, and Jacksonville University's Dean of College of Fine Arts at the time, a world renowned artist was selected to create the Obelisk that is being completed in Germany. The project was put on hold during the pandemic as the University secured funding for the \$413,000 artwork project. The paperwork is in place to donate that to the City of Jacksonville. It's a part of Jacksonville University's broader plan to help the revitalization of Arlington, to help with the safety and beautification not only to the entrance of Jacksonville University but the community of Arlington. The current timeline has the project being completed in June 2023.

Mr. Gilmore advised that the Cultural Council and the City of Jacksonville's Gift Giving process requires that 10 percent of the value of the sculpture go into a conservation fund to be maintained, thus the request today to the Advisory Board for a one time contribution of \$41,300 to the Cultural Council. He noted that at the base of the sculpture there would be four bronze plaques. One of Norman Studios, one of an aircraft carrier, one of the Matthew's Bridge and a dedication plaque that will have the seal of the City of Jacksonville and Jacksonville University dedicated to the citizens of Arlington by Tim Cost, President, Jacksonville University; Major Lenny Curry; Councilwoman Joyce Morgan, District 1 and Timothy Snyder, Dean of Fine Arts at Jacksonville University.

Mr. Gilmore noted that they are still working with the City on protective barriers that will go around the sculpture. He added that there is an additional expense, which is the arrangement of The Haskell Company to install the art sculpture.

Acting Chair S. Matchett opened the floor for public comments. There were no speakers.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER BANDELE ONASANYA AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER RAMSEY SALEM RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE RENEW ARLINGTON CRA AGENCY BOARD THE ALLOCATION OF \$41,300 FROM THE RENEW ARLINGTON CRA FY 2022/2023 BUDGET FOR THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0-0.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

No general information items were discussed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Advisory Board Member Ramsey Salem shared his frustration regarding the Advisory Board's consideration of Application for Rezoning to PUD (2002-0713) on October 12, 2022 and again on October 25, 2022 where the Advisory Board recommended denial of the application. He questioned the validity of the Advisory Board seeing that the City Council does not seem to listen to the recommendations of the Advisory Board.

Chair M. Tuohy commented that Advisory Board Member Ramsey Salem is probably not the only one that is frustrated. He added that we are not going to win every battle and need to focus on the ones that we do win. He commented that throughout the whole process, the Advisory Board stood true to the Zoning Overlay and came up with recommendations and have not contributed to any precedence.

Vice Chair S. Matchett agreed with the sentiments of Advisory Board Member Ramsey Salem. He commented that the Planning Department needs to take into account the recommendations of the Advisory Board and provide staff advise that is consistent with the Plan. He added that there should be no basis that the Planning Department can make recommendations in such contrary posture to the Plan and recommendations of the Advisory Board.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair M. Tuohy adjourned the RA/CRA Advisory Board Meeting at approximately 4:19 p.m.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments of this meeting, an audio file of the meeting is available in its entirety and is available upon request. Please contact Karen Nasrallah at (904) 255-5449, or by email at karenn@coj.net.