



RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD

Hybrid Virtual & In-Person Meeting
City Hall, 117 West Duval Street
Second Level, Conference Room 2C
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Wednesday, April 19, 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, Second Level – Conference Room 2C.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Present: Advisory Board Chair Matt Tuohy, Advisory Board Vice Chair Stephen Matchett, Advisory Board Members, Wade Alliance, Dedee Harper, Cantrece Jones, Danyuell Newkirk, Bandele Onasanya, Ramsey Salem, and Monty Selim.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Not Present: All Advisory Board Members Present

Staff Present: Kirk Wendland, OED Executive Director; Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment Manager; Brian Wheeler, Renew Arlington Design Review; Casey Peyton, OED staff.

Representing the Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera

Others Present: Aston Gordan and Avis Gordan

Participating via Zoom:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair M. Tuohy called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2023

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER RAMSEY SALEM AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER STEPHEN MATCHETT APPROVING THE MARCH 8, 2023, MEETING MINUTES OF THE RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR LAND USE AMANDMENT L-5805-23C

Mrs. Avis Gordan and Mr. Aston Gordan were present to discuss their Application for Land Use Amendment L-5805-23C. They were unclear as to process and what was required for application approval. Further, they were not aware of the costs associated with moving the Application forward. Advisory Board Member Stephen Matchett advised them to go back to the Planning Department for better guidance regarding cost and process. Therefore, the project was deferred.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Brian Wheeler provided a presentation of various Renew Arlington MCGP projects summarizing their progress.

Projects under review:

- 5840/5854 Arlington Road – American Plumbing
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- 1210 Bernita – Holland
- 5900 Arlington Rd. – Nevzat Loci
- 5934 Arlington Rd. – Randy Miller
- 7435 Merrill Road - Hair Formations
- 5760 Arlington Road – Johns Automotive
- 2711 University Blvd. N. - Chanatry Chiropractic
- 2104 University Blvd. N – Smart Tire
- 1604 University Blvd. N – Cargo Transmission
- 6217 Merrill – Red Oak Plaza
- 1024 University N – Lupitas
- 1601/1633 University Blvd. N – Carpenter Shop / Commercial
- 2111/2119 University Blvd. N – Praxol Investments
- 2209/2233/2153 University Blvd. N – Holland
- 5755 Arlington – Holland Mixed Use
- 850/900/ Cesery – 5932 Lone Star - Holland
- 5827 Arlington – Turner Ace Hardware
- 1308 CESERY BLVD. – Holland
- 6044 MERRILL RD. – Billy Cesery
- 6221 MERRILL RD. – Holland
- 7305 MERRILL RD. – St.Clair
- 1407 UNIVERSITY N. – Niko Bengu

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Nasrallah advised that staff would be sending out a recurring meeting notice for the second Wednesday of each month. She explained that redevelopment activity is ramping up in the area and asked that they accept the Outlook invitation so future meetings would be held on their calendars. Meetings will be cancelled if not needed.

Advisory Board Member Stephen Matchett explained his concern with the proposed car wash project located at the former Ameris Bank site. Board Member Matchett then reported Old Arlington was looking into the possibility of having the building designated as a historical landmark. He further continued that the Arlington community is deeply upset with the possible demolition of the structure and reuse as a car wash.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Nasrallah advised the Advisory Board Members that at the May or June meeting money remaining in Unallocated Plan Authorized Expenditures for FY 2022/2023 will need to be allocated for recommendation to the Agency Board in August.

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 4:43 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.