



***KINGSOUTEL CROSSING CRA (KSC/CRA) ADVISORY BOARD  
HYBRID VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING  
CITY HALL, MEZZANINE LEVEL. EXAM ROOM 1  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 - 3:30 P.M.***

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**KSC/CRA Advisory Board Members Present:** Chair Kemal Gasper, Vice Chair Russell Jackson, Vanessa Cullins Hopkins, Bill Price, and Tony Robbins

**Staff Present:** Ed Randolph, Executive Director; Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment Manager; and Casey Peyton, Recording Secretary

**Representing the Office of General Counsel:** Carla Lopera

**Representing the Office of City Council:** Councilwoman Ju 'Coby Pittman

**Others Present:** Robin Smith, City of Jacksonville Public Works; Nick Mousa of GAI Consultants; Frank Anderson, Acon Construction Co., Inc; Nikita Reed and Alan Tablada, Public Works; Stephon Dare, Pat McCollough, and Garrett Dennis, Mayor's Office; Eunice Barnum, Hayley Spring, Andre Clair, Keith Clair, Major Franklin, Wannetha Butcher, and Tessy Robbins, Public

**Participating via Zoom:** Acon Construction Crew

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gasper called the KingSoutel Crossing CRA Advisory Board Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2023, KINGSOUTEL CROSSING CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

***A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER VANESSA CULLINS HOPKINS AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER TONY ROBBINS APPROVING THE NOVEMBER 30, 2023, KINGSOUTEL CROSSING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS AMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0-0.***

Due to lack of quorum at the meeting start, the Chair recommended taking the agenda out of order.

Mr. Robin Smith, the Advisory Board took up the New Kings Road Capital Improvements Project Update before the Election of Officers.

Advisory Board Member Bill Price and Councilwoman Ju 'Coby Pittman arrived at 3:32 p.m.

### **NEW KINGS ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE**

Robin Smith announced that Public Works selected a design-build contractor and they will be working with Acon Constructions on this project.

Robin Smith reminded the Board that the area will be reviewed and analyzed for improvements. The improvement list included sidewalks, landscaping, intersections, and other considerations. Mr. Smith said he will provide a construction timeline for each project to keep the Board informed as considerations unfold.

Councilwoman Ju'Coby Pittman asked for an inventory of needed things such as lighting, trees, and signage, to help be aware of cost and budgeting. Ms. Nasrallah agreed and recommended creating a list of requests or a wish list of items as they pertain to Complete Streets for consideration. Ms. Nasrallah commented that creating the list would help with project organization and what should be prioritized.

Councilwoman Ju'Coby Pittman questioned if the CRA's funding will be used towards maintenance. Ms. Nasrallah said that the CRA funding cannot be used for general maintenance. She stated that maybe the first year of maintenance will be included in the CRA's funding because it is a new project, but after that, they may be required to turn it over to the city or the state because it is a state road. Ms. Nasrallah explained that CRA funds are restricted dollars for projects listed in the CRA Redevelopment Plan and the state has very strict rules about using CRA funds for projects that are considered general maintenance and should be funded in the CIP. Further, she explained that road resurfacing, sidewalks, etc. can only be funded if part of a Complete Streets or Mobility Corridor project.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chair K. Gasper opened the floor for nominations of Chair for calendar year 2024.

Advisory Board Member Vanessa Cullins nominated KSC/CRA Advisory Board Vice Chair, Russell Jackson to serve as Chair of the KSC/CRA Advisory Board. Vice Chair Russell Jackson accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for Chair.

***A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER VANESSA CULLINS AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD TONY ROBBINS TO ELECT RUSSELL JACKSON AS CHAIR OF THE KINGSOUTEL CROSSING CRA ADVISORY BOARD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0.***

Chair K. Gasper opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair for the calendar year 2024.

Advisory Board Member Russell Jackson nominated KSC/CRA Advisory Board Member Bill Price to serve as Vice Chair of the KSC/CRA Advisory Board. Advisory Board Member Bill Price accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations for Vice Chair.

***A MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE CHAIR RUSSELL JACKSON AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER TONY ROBBINS TO ELECT BILL PRICE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE KINGSOUTEL CROSSING CRA ADVISORY BOARD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0.***

**III. GENERAL INFORMATION**

No General Information was discussed.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business was discussed.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE**

Ms. Nasrallah provided an update that the Art in Public Places contract amendment was approved, and includes a new timeline stating that the project will be completed in August 2024.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eunice Barnum voiced her concerns within the community.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Gasper adjourned the KingSoutel Crossing CRA Advisory Board meeting at approximately 4:30 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](mailto:karenn@coj.net).