



**RENEW ARLINGTON  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
117 WEST DUVAL STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

**MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Location:** Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

**Agency Board Members Present:** Agency Board Chair Terrance Freeman, Agency Board Vice Chair Joyce Morgan, Agency Board Members Reggie Gaffney, Jr., Rory Diamond, Sam Newby, Matt Carlucci, Al Ferraro, Brenda Priestly Jackson, Ju’Coby Pittman, LeAnna Cumber, Michael Boylan, Randy DeFoor, Randy White, Ron Salem, Aaron Bowman, Danny Becton, Kevin Carrico, Nick Howland and Tyrona Clark-Murray

**Agency Board Members Excused:** N/A

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Freeman called the Renew Arlington Community Redevelopment Agency (RA/CRA) Board meeting to order at approximately 4:10 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

**II. ACTION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 9, 2022 RENEW ARLINGTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RA/CRA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

***A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED APPROVING THE AUGUST 9, 2022 RENEW ARLINGTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 19-0-0.***

**CONSIDERATION OF \$41,300 IN FUNDING FOR THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES TRUST (RESOLUTION RA/CRA-2023-01)**

Ms. Nasrallah provided an overview of Renew Arlington CRA Resolution-2023-01. She noted that Jacksonville University has privately funded and fostered a piece of art that will be located in the center of the Turbo roundabout at the intersection of University Boulevard and Merrill Road. The selected artist, Shan Shan Sheng has created a piece, the Obelisk, that is approximately 20 feet high with a 6-foot metal base. The sculpture is an expression of hope, knowledge and history with a connection between sky and ground and will serve as a landmark piece within the Renew Arlington CRA.

Ms. Nasrallah advised that the City, JU and the artist will be entering into a Reproductive Agreement in the near future and that a Hold Harmless Agreement is being drafted. She noted that installation of the Obelisk is planned for this summer adding that the total cost of the art piece is \$413,000.

Ms. Nasrallah noted that Jacksonville University will be gifting the piece to the City of Jacksonville using the Art in Public Places Trust, as administered by the Cultural Council. As part of the gifting process, the Cultural Council requires 10% or \$41,300 be set aside for future maintenance and enhancements related to the art.

Ms. Nasrallah advised that separate legislation is required because sitting as the CRA Agency Board, they are limited to the CRA Trust Fund. She added that they can transfer funding within categories of the CRA Trust Fund, but cannot transfer TIF funding directly into a City category. By the Agency Board's action today, they will be recommending to the City Council that \$41,300 be placed in the Art in Public Places Trust.

Ms. Nasrallah noted that there will be a clause in the legislation stating that the transfer of funding to the Art in Public Places Trust will not occur until the installation of the art is completed. She added that on January 11, 2023 the RA/CRA Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Agency Board to support the funding for the project. She noted that with the Agency Board's approval today there will be a remaining balance of \$1,717,315 in Unallocated Plan Authorized Expenditures that will need to be programmed by the end of the fiscal year.

Agency Board Member Ferraro asked Ms. Nasrallah to explain what the \$41,000 was going towards. Ms. Nasrallah replied that the Cultural Council requires that 10% of the total project cost for any artwork that they do be placed in a maintenance and enhancement fund so that if something were to happen to the piece over time, they can go to that trust fund.

Agency Board Member Ferraro asked if the funding stays with this particular piece of artwork or it is moved around to any other types of maintenance for art. Ms. Nasrallah replied that as she understands it, the funding is in a collective pot that the Cultural Council can pull from, as needed for pieces throughout the city.

Agency Board Member Boylan commented that he assumes the maintenance of the shrubbery and other landscaping within the roundabout is still part of the Public Works Department and appropriate for them to maintain apart from the \$41,300. Ms. Nasrallah agreed.

Agency Board Member Ron Salem asked if there was a deductible, how much and who is responsible for the deductible.

Ms. Angela Moyer with the City's Budget Office confirmed that the City of Jacksonville has a policy through Risk Management for all of the fine art adding that the deductible is paid by the City.

Agency Board Member Carlucci commented that if a vehicle were to damage the art and it was their fault, then their liability coverage would pay for the damage and not the City's policy. He added that it is good to have it insured separately because we have a value on it so if somebody does damage it because of negligent driving, we would have a value to place on the repair or replacement.

Vice Chair Morgan commented that they have a wonderful partnership with Jacksonville University. She added that the first piece of public art donated through Jacksonville University is substantial and allows Arlington to be able to get a few more pieces through the Art in Public Places Program.

Chair Freeman opened the floor for public comment of which there was none.

***A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED APPROVING RENEW ARLINGTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD RESOLUTION RA/CRA-2023-01 REQUESTING THE CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF \$41,300 IN FUNDING FROM THE RA/CRA TRUST TO THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES TRUST TO PROVIDE FUNDING REQUIRED FOR MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENTS UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION IN THE NEW TURBO ROUNDABOUT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD AND MERRILL ROAD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 19-0-0.***

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Agency Board Member Ron Salem asked Ms. Nasrallah for an update on the Thunderbird property and an update on how many businesses have taken advantage of the Mandatory Compliance Grant Program.

Ms. Nasrallah responded that she would need to check with Code Compliance to get the most updated report for the Thunderbird property adding that she is happy to research and get back to the Agency Board at a later date.

Agency Board Member Morgan confirmed that the demolition of the Thunderbird property has been approved. She does not know what the owners have planned for the property, but that they are in contact with her office for updates.

For the Mandatory Compliancy Grant Program, Ms. Nasrallah advised that total funding allocated to date is a little over \$5 million; of which \$23,565 has been dispersed; there are contracts outstanding in the amount of \$357,295; encumbered to date \$1.4 million in projects, less contracts pending approval \$754,210 with a remaining balance of \$2,464,345. She added that there are currently 96 projects in the que under review. Ms. Nasrallah offered that she will share a tracking spreadsheet she keeps with the Agency Board Members and send via email.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Freeman adjourned the Renew Arlington CRA Board meeting at approximately 4:27 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 upon request. Please contact Michelle Stephens at (904) 255-5452, or by email at [msteph@coj.net](mailto:msteph@coj.net).