



KINGSOUTEL CROSSING
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING
Zoom Meeting – No location
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 – 2:30 P.M.
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Location: Council Chambers, 1st Floor, City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Agency Board Members Present: Agency Board Acting Chair Sam Newby; Agency Board Vice-Chair, Joyce Morgan; Agency Board Members Reggie Gaffney, Aaron Bowman, Al Ferraro, Danny Becton, Ju’Coby Pittman, LeAnna Cumber, Matt Carlucci, Michael Boylan, Randy DeFoor, Ron Salem and Scott Wilson

Agency Board Members Excused: Agency Board Chair, Tommy Hazouri; Agency Board Members Brenda Priestly-Jackson; Garrett Dennis, Randy White, Rory Diamond and Terrance Freeman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Newby called the KingSoutel Crossing Community Redevelopment Agency (KSC/CRA) Board meeting to order at approximately 2:50 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 28, 2020 KINGSOUTEL CROSSING COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KSC/CRA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED APPROVING THE JANUARY 28, 2020 KINGSOUTEL CROSSING COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KSC/CRA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 13-0-0.

CONSIDERATION OF \$747,317.66 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SOUTEL DRIVE SAFETY & BEAUTIFICATION ENHANCEMENTS RESOLUTION KSC/CRA-2020-01)

Referencing the KSC/CRA FY 2019/2020 Amended and Restated Budget, Mr. Wendland referenced the middle column of the Unallocated Plan Authorized Expenditure line, there is a remaining balance of \$747,318. He noted that to date, no dollars for this year have been appropriated. He advised that there is a new KSC/CRA Advisory Board that came into place this year. The Advisory Board has been doing a good job learning about the area and learning what projects are going on in the area and understanding how they would like to recommend the dollars be spent.

Mr. Wendland advised that there is a Public Work's project within the CRA that is in the preliminary design phase adding that the project is funded through the CIP and not through the KSC/CRA. He noted that CRA dollars cannot be put into a CIP project that is already been funded through the CIP. Public Works made a presentation to the KSC/CRA Advisory Board regarding the Soutel Drive Traffic Calming Project, an approximate \$5.2 million project. When Public Works made their presentation to the KSC/CRA Advisory Board, it was understood that there were some things that due to budget concerns would not be included in the Soutel Drive Traffic Calming project. Mr. Wendland commented that the Soutel Drive Safety and Beautification Enhancements Project would be a separate project that work in conjunction with the Soutel Drive Traffic Calming Project. The details of how the funding would be spent will not be known until we see the final proposal from Public Works when they get past their preliminary design into full design and then we can fully understand what the project looks like. It is the recommendation of the KSC/CRA Advisory Board and staff concurs, for the balance of the KSC/CRA Amended and Restated Budget in the amount of \$747,318 be allocated to the Soutel Drive Safety and Beautification Enhancement project. .

Acting Chair Newby opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Stanley Scott with the African American Think Tank commented that he is not in agreement with the budget and spending \$747,318 for beautification.

Mr. John Wyche commented that he agrees with Mr. Scott adding that the people in the community are asking for economic development, sewer connections, jobs for their children and connection to the internet. They are not asking for a traffic calming device. Focus needs to be on what the people in the CRA are asking for.

Agency Board Member Carlucci commented that beautification can help enhance the infrastructure being done through the CIP and also helps with economic development noting that good infrastructure is needed for economic development. Referencing City Council Districts 7, 8, 9 and 10 he commented that the Mayor has done a great job of funding infrastructure and drainage, etc., which includes the KSC/CRA area.

(Name ?) I have message into Legislative Services for the speaker cards. Mr. ?, Managing Director of the Winter Film Capital Opportunity Fund commented that he thinks there needs to be a major economic plan (Marshall Plan) for the north side. He added that there needs to be physical as well as business infrastructure.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE KINGSOUTEL CROSSING COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD RESOLUTION KSC/CRA-2020-01 APPROVING THE ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER WITHIN THE KSC/CRA FY 2019/2020 AMENDED AND RESTATED BUDGET OF \$747,317.66 FROM UNALLOCATED PLAN AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES TO PLAN AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES TO BE USED FOR A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT FOR SAFETY & BEAUTIFCATION ENHANCEMENTS FOR A PORTION OF SOUTEL DRIVE; ADOPTING THE KSC/CRA FY 2019/2020 AMENDED AND RESTATED BUDGET; DIRECTING THAT INVESTMENT POOL EARNINGS BE ALLOCATED TO THE SOUTEL DRIVE SAFETY & BEAUTIFICATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT; PROVIDING OVERSIGHT BY PUBLIC WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 13-0-0.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET (RESOLUTION KSC/CRA-2020-02)

Mr. Wendland reviewed Resolution KSC/CRA-2020-02 noting that next year the revenues will increase from \$824,582 to \$1,144,264, which is an increase of over \$319,000 or over 38% percent. It is staff's recommendation that the balance of \$1,048,551 go into the Unallocated Plan Authorized Expenditures line item. He noted that decisions for allocating the funding would be reviewed and made throughout the coming fiscal year.

Acting Chair Newby opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Stanley Scott commented that he knows more about the subject community than City Council. He commented that there are plans for the community to change the whole northside of Jacksonville where most of the African Americans live. His main point is that the African American community has not been included and he is appalled by that.

Ms. Barnum commented that she concurs with the public speakers who spoke before her. There has not been enough involvement from the people who reside in the KSC/CRA area. She has spoken repeatedly and has been ignored. She questions the spending of the KSC/CRA Budget. She has reached out to Mia Jones and would like her engaged. She commented that they need more economic growth and development plans and the people who live in the CRA and pay taxes need to have their voice heard.

Mr. John Wyche commented regarding the \$1,048,551 that will be left over after the total Administrative Expenses are paid out of the KSC/CRA FY 2020/2021 Budget that he wants the leaders of Jacksonville to include the members of the City Council and the members of the newly created KSC/CRA Advisory Board to listen to the people that live in the district regarding how to spend the public's money. The people want economic development.

Agency Board Member Boylan asked Mr. Wendland to opine on the comments made by the public speakers.

Mr. Wendland advised that the Advisory Board members are not OED staff or staff of the City Council adding that they are members of the KSC/CRA community. An Advisory Board has been appointed that meets on a monthly basis with the exception of during the recent pandemic that talks about things in the KSC/CRA area. He commented while \$750,000 is a lot of money, it is hard to get a lot of infrastructure done with that amount. He commented that projects funded through the CIP take time to get going. He added that the KSC/CRA Advisory Board discussed the Plan and thought that was the best use of those dollars for this year. It is also why no decision has been made for how the million dollars next year will be spent adding that if there are good viable economic development projects, we would like to see them done. It cannot be 100% public funded economic development projects. That is not economic development. It is when we are participating in a public/private partnership. We need to see the private dollar proposals where we can help and encourage the development. Private development is what is going to grow the economic base in any community.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE KINGSOUTEL CROSSING COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD RESOLUTION KSC/CRA-2020-02 ADOPTING THE FY 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 13-0-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Stanley Scott commented that he goes to the City meetings all the time and he knows exactly what is being done and he is appalled. The economic development department has not been empathetic to the community. He added that there are plenty of African American's that have lived over there and still live there at the present time and are knowledgeable. Information has been emailed to economic development, City Council and the Mayor's Office and no one replies.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Chair Newby adjourned the KingSoutel Crossing CRA Board meeting at approximately 3:22 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 Michelle Stephens at (904) 255-5452, or by email at msteph@coj.net.