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HIGH SPRINGS
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
MINUTES
August 11, 2014

Meeting called to order by Chair Weller 6:00 p.m.

Invocation by Chair Weller.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

- Chair Weller – Present
- Vice Chair Barnas – Present
- Member Bass - Present
- Member Gestrin – Present
- Member Williams - Absent
- Member Jamison – Present
- Member Sylvia Newcomb – Absent

Staff Present:

- Ed Booth, Executive Director/City Manager
- Jenny L. Parham, City Clerk
- Courtney Johnson, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 29, 2014

Motion Member Barnas to approve the minutes of July 29, 2014.

Second Member Bass.

Motion carried 4 – 1 with Member Gestrin voting against.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **CONSIDER AWARDING A HOME IMPROVEMENT CRA GRANT TO MICHAEL AND LANI GALIPEAU, 230 NW 2ND AVENUE.**

Discussion on improvements that require approval from the Historical Preservation Board.

Mrs. Parham made a suggestion that a yard sign be placed at homes that the CRA provides grant funds.

**Motion Member Barnas to approve residential grant to Michael and Lani Galipeau for \$1,000.
Second Member Jamison.
Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**2. CONSIDER AWARDING A CRA FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT TO SUSIE
BLANKENSHIP, THE HAIR AND NAIL DEPOT, 310 N. MAIN STREET.**

Ms. Blankenship approached the CRA Board with a request for a CRA grant to install a awning at her business. She stated that there were awnings there in the past, but they were taken down due to hurricane damage. She adds that she wants to add some character to the building and freshen up.

Discussion on a contract for business grants.

**Motion Member Barnas to approve façade grant to Susie Blankenship for up to 50% of \$6,500 for improvements to Hair & Nail Depot upon agreement by both parties.
Second Member Gestrin
Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Attorney Johnson informed the Board that she is still working on the mechanics of hiring an Executive Director for the CRA. States Carol Westmoreland advised to make the director an employee due to it being a part time position and have them under the city manager; independent contractors are generally in larger cities.

Attorney Johnson also advised that she had spoken to Carol Westmoreland concerning using CRA funds for a billboard and her advice would be not to use CRA funds for a billboard outside of our CRA district.

Mr. Booth advised of the grant check presentation scheduled for September 25, 2014.

**Motion Member Barnas to adjourn.
Second Member Jamison.
Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**