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**HIGH SPRINGS  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
WORKSHOP  
AGENDA  
HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER  
23760 NW 187<sup>th</sup> AVENUE**

**MARCH 17, 2016**

**6:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** CHAIR JASON EVANS

**INVOCATION:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** CHAIR JASON EVANS

**ROLL CALL:** JENNY L. PARHAM, CITY CLERK

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

- 1. REVIEW CURRENT CRA 3-YEAR GOALS AND PROJECTS.**
- 2. DISCUSS POSSIBLE CRA GOALS AND PROJECTS FOR 2016-2020.**

**ADJOURN.**

PLEASE NOTE: PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.015, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED DURING THIS MEETING HE OR SHE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS, SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER, 110 N.W. 1ST AVENUE, HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA 32643, TELEPHONE (386) 454-1416.

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2013-2016 CRA Strategic Goals and Projects:

1. **Providing façade matching grants to businesses and homeowners within CRA district.** The amount budgeted for 2014-15 was \$60,000. The total awarded was \$54,816.25. The total actually distributed was \$43,911.53. The amount budgeted for 2015-16 is \$60,000. As of March 2016, \$28,999 has been awarded to six businesses.
2. **Continued construction and improvement of parking spaces within the district.** Restriping the parking lots in front of the Old School, NW First Street and Railroad Avenue has occurred. Additional parking will be added to the farmer's market pavilion area.
3. **Repainting of the Downtown Murals.** The two murals were completed in December 2015 by local artist Bryan Barkman. A quilt mural will be placed on the Old School Community Center. The mural is being painted by local artist Janet Moses and will be a part of the Florida quilt Trail. The murals reflect the unique history and culture of High Springs and help to promote the CRA district.
4. **Drafting, adopting, and implementing a CRA Ten Year Extension.** The process is on schedule. The City will be meeting with Alachua County on April 14 to finalize the adoption. The extension plan will go into effect on October 1, 2016 and will be in effect until September 30, 2046. The new extension plan replaces the original CRA Plan founded in December 1986.
5. **Promotion and Coordination of established and new events in the CRA District.** The established events include Music in the Park, Pioneer Days, the High Springs Museum, the Farmer's Market, and the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. New events this year include the MOMS Program and National Night Out.
6. **Utilizing new and innovative mediums to promote the CRA district and businesses.** New signs will be installed this fall. The CRA website is updated regularly. I am working with the local news outlets to tell the CRA story.
7. **Begin the renovation of downtown sidewalks in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation.** We are in the process of getting engineering quotes. FDOT will complete there resurfacing of Main Street in early 2017. We will begin on the downtown sidewalks shortly thereafter.
8. **Partnering with the City of High Springs, CSX, Alachua County, and the State of Florida to establish a "Rails to Trails" in the CRA District.** The project is moving along on scheduled.

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### **CRA Objectives from the Adopted CRA Extension Plan**

1. Commercial Activity and Economic Development
2. Public Infrastructure and Parks
3. Housing
4. Visual Environment
5. Funding, Financing, Management, Sustainability, and Promotion
6. Sense of Community, Safety, and Security