

HIGH SPRINGS
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2016

Meeting called to order by Chair Jason Evans at 6:31 p.m.

Invocation by Mayor Byran Williams

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Jason Evans- Present
Vice Chair Scott Jamison-Absent
Member Gloria James- Present
Member Byran Williams-Present
Member Sue Weller- Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Rodriguez, CRA Executive Director
Jenny Parham, City Clerk
Angela Stone, Assistant City Clerk
Courtney Johnson, City Attorney
Ed Booth, City Manager
Antoine Sheppard, Lieutenant Police Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Member Weller to approve the agenda as presented.

Second Member James.

Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Member Weller to approve the Minutes of February 18, 2016 and March 17, 2016.

Second Member James.

Motion carried 4-0.

REVIEW COMMERCIAL FAÇADE GRANT REQUESTS.

BUSY BEE & BUTTERFLY - \$4,968.68

CRA Director Rodriguez stated that they will need to widen the door in order to be handicap complainant, this grant is for the door and ramp.

Motion Weller to approve the Commercial Façade Grant for Busy Bee & Butterfly academy in the amount of \$4,968.68.

Second Member Williams

Motion Carried 4-0.

ESTATE SOLUTIONS - \$1,993.94

CRA Director Rodriguez stated they are looking to replace their front door, and the one that are wanting to use is very similar to the one that is already there.

Motion Member Weller to approve the Commercial Façade Grant for Estate Solutions in the amount of \$1,993.94.

Second Member Williams

Motion carried 4-0.

CYBER STUDIOS - \$2,975

CRA Director Rodriguez stated that this grant is for the building currently occupied by the Springs' Institute.

Motion Member James to approve the Commercial Façade Grant for Cyber Studios for \$2,975.00.

Second Member Williams.

Motion carried 4-0.

REVIEW NONPROFIT GRANT REQUEST FOR \$400 FROM KIWANIS.

Tom Weller spoke on behalf of the Kiwanis Club regarding the pavilion in the sink hole of James Paul Park. He gives an overview of the repairs they would like to make. He stated that they would like to have this done before the opening of the Smithsonian Waterways Exhibit. He added that he has checked with the building official and it will be done to building code.

CRA Director Rodriguez stated that this did go before the Park and Recreation Board. She stated that this will need to go before the Commission for final approval.

Motion Member James to approve the Grant request for \$400.00 for the Kiwanis Club.

Second Member Williams.

Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER INCREASING RESIDENTIAL FACADE GRANT AWARD LIMITS.

CRA Director Rodriguez stated this was an item brought up in the Workshop to increase the limit to \$5,000.00. She stated that she will send letters out notifying residents of this change.

Chair Evans stated that he would like to see this increased. He stated that whether you are improving a business or a residence downtown it improves the appearance of downtown.

Motion Weller to increase the Residential Façade Grant Limit to \$5,000.00.

Second Member James.
Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER CHANGING CRA MEETING DATES AND/OR TIMES.

Member Weller stated she put this on the agenda as she has a conflict on the third Thursday of each month and would like to see if they can have the meetings on a different day.

Consensus to try the first Thursday of each month, unless there is a holiday then it would be the third Thursday of the month.

GRANT UPDATES.

CRA Director Rodriguez gave an update on current grants. Advised that the Lidia Nunes and Cyber Studios grants are closed.

CONSIDER GRANT EXTENSION FOR HIGH SPRINGS COMMERCIAL.

CRA Director Rodriguez stated that High Springs Commercial is requesting an extension on their grant application.

CRA EXTENSION UPDATE.

CRA Director Rodriguez stated that May 24th she is scheduled to give the presentation to the County on the CRA Extension. She stated that she will be presenting to them an Amendment and Additions, based on the feedback from the joint meeting. She stated that she will let the County know that this is a proposed amendment and that it is not yet voted on by this board.

CHAIR REPORT.

Chair Evans stated that he, the CRA Director, and the attorney went to CRA training today in Lake Butler.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.

Advised that we have partnered with SCORE for business mentoring for our businesses downtown, and beginning in May they will have monthly workshops.

Advised that the Full Moon Concert starts tonight and we are highlighted in the program with a full page color ad.

Advised that we are partnering with PDC to put an ad in the Gainesville Chamber Magazine.

Advised the new light poles by the Old School have been installed.

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Member Williams asked about the Mexican Restaurant coming downtown. CRA Director Rodriguez stated that they should open by the end of next week.

Motion Member Weller to adjourn.

Second Member James.

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.