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**HIGH SPRINGS
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
NOVEMBER 3, 2016**

Meeting called to order by Chair Jason Evans at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation by Member Byran Williams.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Jason Evans- Present
Vice Chair Scott Jamison- Present
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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion Member Weller to approve the agenda as presented.
Second Member James.
Motion carried 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion Member James to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2016 CRA Meeting.
Second Member Weller
Motion Carried 5-0.**

BUSINESS ITEMS

CRA EXTENSION UPDATE

CRA Director Rodriguez stated the County approved the CRA Plan with a few catches. She stated that the budget format we have been using for the CRA did not adequately show how we were spending money. She presented the budget format that Gainesville uses. She states this does not change anything it is just a different format to better keep track of the Administrative Cost.

CRA Director Rodriguez states that the County will renew the contract for 2 years, and then it will have to go back for review for an extension. She stated that the County does not want to do the Fire Prevention and Suppression Grants, they would prefer loans not using CRA TIF Funds.

CRA Director Rodriguez stated the County would like to change the administration costs to 50% of revenues. Commission Weller stated that one County Commissioner would like for the City to pay for part of the CRA Director's salary in the future.

CRA Director Rodriguez stated that the County wanted to make sure we are spending most of the funds on Capital Improvement Projects. Member Weller stated that some County Commissioners did not think that we should be doing façade grants.

Motion Member James to approve the changes to the plan as presented.

Second Member Williams.

Motion carried 5-0.

QUILT MURAL

Susie Clark spoke of options for the quilt murals and what Alice's Restaurant, the Antique Centre, and Bennett's Hardware are considering for quilt murals.

CRA Director Rodriguez advised that she and Ms. Clark walked the town and these were the businesses that were currently interested. She added that if the board approves tonight they will work on getting the agreements, and then they will bring it back to the CRA for final design approval.

Motion Member Weller to approve the requested murals for the three businesses, Alice's Restaurant, the Antique Centre, and Bennett's Hardware.

Second Vice Chair Jamison.

Motion carries 5-0.

GRANT UPDATES

CRA Director Rodriguez stated that Mrs. Gudbransen had been awarded a Residential Façade Grant for \$600.00, and she has withdrawn her grant.

CRA Director Rodriguez advised that the Kennedy's closed on the grant for their roof.

CRA Director Rodriguez advised that the only open Commercial Grant, which is Constance Hughs; and it should be done in the next thirty days.

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS UPDATE

CRA Director Rodriguez stated she has spoken with Craig Teal regarding the agreement, out of the Lake City DOT office, and he has passed it on to Adam Doyle in the Gainesville Office. Mr. Doyle is working on an agreement.

CRA Director Rodriguez stated that they are projected to go to bid on November 16th, 2016 for the resurfacing.

CHAIR REPORT.

Chair Evans stated, after everything is finalized on the CRA Extension with the County, he would like to figure out how we will be able to have the Fire Prevention and Suppression Loans. He believes it is a good program.

Chair Evans spoke of looking into a Neighborhood Improvement Project for the Douglas area, it is similar to a CRA but does not use TIF funds.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.

Advised the Christmas banners are going up, and the Christmas lights will be going up soon.

Advised that we will be trimming the tree for the Chamber's Tree Lighting.

Advised that we will be putting in Poinsettias downtown.

Advised that she met with Visit Gainesville regarding partnering.

Advised that there will not be Music In The Park in November and December.

Advised that the Farmer's Market Fresh Access will have its Grand Opening December 1st.

Advised that Santa At The Market is December 22nd, at our Farmer's Market.

Advised that the James Paul Park Master Plan, we will be getting an intern from UF to work on it and will be starting in January.

Advised that the next CRA Meeting will be December 1st.

Susie Clark stated that the Museum will have a small Gift Shop.

Motion Member Weller to adjourn.

Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.