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**HIGH SPRINGS
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES
January 25, 2018**

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

Invocation by Jessica Hall, Chaplain the High Springs Police Department

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Nancy Lavin Linkous- Present
Vice Chair Gloria James- Present
Member Byran Williams- Present
Member Scott Jamison- Present
Member Linda Jones-Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Ed Booth, CRA Executive Director
Jenny Parham, City Clerk
Angela Stone, Assistant City Clerk
Courtney Johnson, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion Member Jones to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 CRA Meeting.
Second Member Jamison.
Motion carried 5-0.**

BUSINESS ITEMS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH ALACHUA COUNTY FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR MUSIC IN THE PARK.

Chair Linkous asked who will be dealing with the spending for the CRA until we hire a new Director. Mr. Booth advised that he and the Finance Director will take care of this.

Attorney Johnson stated she did look this over, and it is the same contract that the County is using for this grant program.

Attorney Johnson stated that this is the same agreement that the Springs Institute signed for the grant for the mural.

**Motion Member Jamison to approve the Tourism Product Development Grant Program Agreement with Alachua County for Grant Funding for Music in the Park.
Second Vice Chair Williams.
Motion carried 5-0.**

DISCUSSION ON PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHTS FOR MAIN STREET.

Mr. Booth advised that when he was out on First Friday he noticed that pedestrians were trying to cross the street and vehicles were not stopping. He would like to light the cross walk to alert the vehicles that there is a cross walk. He states with the boards approval he would like to write a letter to DOT about putting this in. He would like to do this at the same time as the sidewalk project.

Chair Linkous asked about asking DOT to reduce the speed limit. Mr. Booth stated he can do that at the same time.

Chair Linkous stated this would be for the cross walk by the Dean Davis building.

DISCUSS CREATION OF CRA DISTRICT IN DOUGLASS NEIGHBORHOOD.

Attorney Johnson stated you could expand the CRA, it would have to connect, but it would give you less time.

Mr. Booth stated we will give this to the new CRA Director once they get started.

Member Williams stated that we did a study with a student from the University of Florida, and this would be a start if we could get a copy of that study. He states that we met in that community. He also added that he would like to see it as its own district and not an expansion. Mr. Booth states he does not think that is enough tax base to make a difference.

Attorney Johnson stated that if the taxable value is low in the Douglas Neighborhood it would take a long time to achieve the monetary value to make a difference. She states if you were to do an expansion you would need to first start with a map of what the expansion would look like and start talking to the county.

Chair Linkous asked about the Farmers Market Pavilion. Attorney Johnson stated that the funding requires that the pavilion be accessible from all sides. With the proposed current location, it abuts where the rails to trails would be and when that happens it would be accessible on all sides. With the current hold on the rails to trails project, we have no one to contact to give proof that we will have access. If we cannot get this information we will have to move the pavilion to get the funding.

Chair Linkous states that she feels that an extension of the CRA would be the way to go. She states that she feels it could be beneficial to this neighborhood.

Chair Linkous asked if she has heard on the High Springs Land Development property. Attorney Johnson stated she has not heard but will follow up.

Vice Chair Williams asked if the 7 years is up on those properties to be developed. Attorney Johnson advised that, yes that all those properties will need to be deeded back to the City.

CHAIR REPORT.

Chair Linkous states she has no Report at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.

No Report at this time.

Motion Member James to adjourn
Second Member Jones.

Chair Linkous adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.