Minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency
held Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 3:00 PM
in Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

This workshop was called to order at 3:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Chairman:	Art Graham	
Board Members:	Frances Povloski	Jeffrey Jones
	David McGraw	Gary Paetau

Also present were: Jim Gilmore, Heather Ireland, Taylor Mobbs

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Povloski asked staff about the status of the Springhill Suites endzone (pier parking lot project), and when did we anticipate moving forward on this project?
Staff briefly gave an update of the project status, and said they would provide additional updates at the next meeting.

Mr. Paetau asked about the status of the Latham Plaza project and what direction is the City heading?
Staff informed the agency HALFF & Associates would be working on an additional services scope and fee for the agency to review, to incorporate the recommended changes discussed at the joint Council/CRA workshop held in July. Mr. Paetau also noted that sustainability is a part of the City mission, and the agency should work to incorporate sustainability as an element of this project.

NEW BUSINESS

No items

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Facade Grant Changes for 2024

Staff provided the agency with proposed changes to the facade grant program based on conversations during previous meetings.

The agency discussed a few changes to be made to the program, and will vote to implement these changes at the next Regular Meeting.

B. P3 Project Update

Mr. Jim Gilmore, The Southern Group, provided the agency with a verbal update on the status of the Public Private Partnership project and its process. Mr. Gilmore discussed issuing the RFQ first, to evaluate candidates based on leadership, experience, financial capabilities, written plan, etc. Mr. Gilmore also stated at this stage the entire team would be reviewed, including, architects, engineering team, contractors, etc.

Mr. Paetau asked if we were opening the entire site to potential developers, and Mr. Gilmore stated yes.
Mr. Paetau also asked why we were thinking/discussing a 50 year lease? Mr. Gilmore stated the specific terms of the lease would be at the discretion of the City Council and would be specified at a later date.

C. Future Topics for Joint CRA/Council Meetings

The agency discussed having the handy man position conversation at the September meeting. Staff asked the agency members to provide specific issues they would like to see this position focus on.

The agency also wishes to address policy changes as it relates to issuing/denying permits based off of codified rules, and how the statute limits the ability to deny a permit for many aesthetic issues.

Mr. Paetau asked who set the priorities and where do CRA projects fall? Staff stated they would provide clarification on this at the next agency meeting.

Finally, the agency agreed they would like to discuss the long term plans for 1st Street with City Council.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM.

Submitted by: Taylor Mobbs, CRA Coordinator

Approval:

Art Graham, Chairman

Date: 10/30/23