

**Minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency
held Monday, August 26, 2024 at 3:00 PM
in Council Chambers**



CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Chairman: David McGraw - Absent
Board Members: Meghan Edwards Gary Paetau - Acting Chairman
Frances Povloski
Alternates: Thad Moseley Ron Whittington
Also present were: Heather Ireland, Taylor Mobbs, Chief Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A.
- July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Frances Povloski to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024, regular meeting. This was seconded by Ms. Meghan Edwards. All were in favor.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

Ms. Kathy Hall addressed the agency regarding the electronic sign on Beach Blvd. that is not operational, and requested the agency/city do something to repair this sign.

STAFF REPORT

- A.
- Latham Plaza Scope
 - Passive Park
 - Downtown Plan Update Outline
 - Misc. Development Updates

The Chief of Police addressed the agency over concerns regarding a proposed idea for a safety grant program. The initial proposal put forward by the agency was to fund off-duty officers for businesses when there are events/busy seasons. Chief Smith explained to the agency how this is not a problem that additional funding would solve, this is a staffing issue across all agencies. Chief Smith pointed out that these costs are costs typically associated with running a business and provide no benefit to the City, rather help offset private business

costs, specifically bars and nightlife establishments.

Chief Smith stated he is supportive of a different type of safety grant program, perhaps something that looks at upgrading safety infrastructure, such as cameras, metal detection, etc.

Staff stated they would work with the police department and draft a new program to provide to the agency for consideration.

Staff went over various projects and updates within the districts. The agency brought up the idea of hiring additional staff for ambassadors in the downtown. Staff reminded the agency that this was previously discussed at a joint workshop with council, and the consensus was to allow parks and recreation to utilize their contract for landscaping and maintenance at an elevated level within the district, and to not hire additional staff.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopt/Deny Resolution Number 2025-02 Amending the FY2025 Budget to Provide Funding for the Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the FOP for Downtown CAPE Officers.

A motion was made by Ms. Povloski to adopt Resolution No. 2024-02 amending the FY2025 budget to provide funding for the Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the FOP for Downtown CAPE Officers. This was seconded by Ms. Edwards. All were in favor.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. South Beach Park - Parking Issues and Options

Agency members discussed various options put forth by staff to address concerns for parking in South Beach Park.

Agency member Mr. Thad Moseley stated the ideas for now were fine, but for future consideration should the agency look at 1. Pedestrian access passes for the park (which would entail restricting access into the park) 2. Paid parking within the park and allowing residents to have free parking similar to what is currently done downtown, and other ideas to control access and volume. Mr. Moseley also discussed additional staff in the park for monitoring activity.

Mr. Paetau stated that the solution will not be one thing, it will likely be several things combined. He stated that cameras for now would be beneficial to give staff daily data to better assess the situation.

The following agency members stated that bike racks would be good for now as well: Ms. Edwards, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Whittington, Ms. Povloski. Mr. Paetau was not in favor of adding bike racks at this time.

Staff will work with parks and recreation, as well as Information Services, to order and install minimally invasive security cameras in the park to monitor parking. Staff will also work with parks and recreation to order bike racks in the future.

B. First Street Pedestrian Safety and Parking Concerns

At a previous CRA meeting, agency members requested staff bring forth ideas about how to mitigate issues along first street regarding pedestrian safety and parking issues.

Staff provided the agency with examples of temporary solutions that would identify the sidewalk from the road, and prevent vehicles from parallel parking on the sidewalks.

Ms. Povloski stated that she was concerned about raised planters due to infrastructure and maintenance. She stated she likes the concept of bollards, and is against benches.

Mr. Moseley stated raised beds often turn into garbage areas. He stated he felt round bollards were the safest and best option, and concurred with Ms. Povloski said that benches should not be the solution.

Mr. Paetau stated he felt benches and bollards would be the best temporary solution.

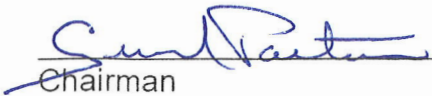
Staff informed the agency they would present these recommendations to City Council at their next briefing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Submitted by: Taylor Mobbs, CRA Coordinator

Approval:


Chairman

Date: 9.23.24