



Workshop Minutes

Community Redevelopment Agency

Wednesday, April 26, 2021

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Art Graham called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Chairman: Art Graham
Vice-Chairwoman: Frances Povloski
Board Members: Jeffrey Jones, Gary Paetau, David McGraw

Also present were Planning and Development Director Heather Ireland (also Recording Secretary), CRA Coordinator Taylor Mobbs, Public Works Project Engineer Kayle Moore, Parks & Recreation Director Jason Phitides, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Trevor Hughes,

Downtown CAPE Update

The CAPE had a busy weekend, but things were manageable. CAPE continues to move forward prepping for other events.

Mr. Jeffrey Jones mentioned that the ordinance passed allowing only low-amplified music may have been forgotten by some businesses. He mentioned Saturday there was very loud music coming from multiple businesses. CAPE asked that when this happens, please call police to report, so they are able to document. The CAPE will also be sending out a notice to remind the businesses of the ordinance

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman noted that the Pier restaurant is completely gone. This prompted discussion about uniform fencing on construction sites, something previously discussed by the CRA. Board member Gary Paetau will be working alongside public works to see if uniform fencing is a feasible option moving forward.

Board Member Frances Povlovski noted that it was previously discussed that the board would be placing land owned by the CRA for sale in the fall, she asked what the status of this land was. Jim Gilmore stated that there will not be much 'to do' as far as selling property, and when the board is ready it will be a relatively simple and quick process.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution No. 2021-04- Appropriations Request for South Beach Park Shade Shelter
04- Jason Phitides and Trevor Hughes, Parks and Recreation**

In the survey done by parks and recreation regarding the playground/park update, it was noted that one of the top requests was more shade, specifically over the splash pad. Trevor Hughes showed the board the planned layout for the shaded structures, as well as areas where there will be more bench seating.

Mr. Gary Paetau asked for clarification on a section of the shade along the outside perimeter of the splash pad, and was it necessary. Mr. Hughes stated it was, as it was taking into account the seating along the back side of the splash pad. He also noted that there may be a need to add an additional gate along the back of the pad for easier access from the seating area.

Ms. Frances Povlovski asked if having traditional benches along the splash pad would encourage sleeping and unpermitted uses of the splash pad. Mr. Hughes stated that the benches have arm rests in the middle, to make it difficult to lay down across the bench for sleeping.

Ms. Povlovski also noted that the warranty for the shades is only two years, and asked what the anticipated lifespan of the shades actually is? Mr. Hughes said these are the same as the shades currently in the park, and those were installed in 2016 and are still in great condition.

A motion was made by Ms. Frances Povlovski to accept the resolution and appropriate the funds for the shade structure over the splash pad.

The motion was 2nd by Mr. Gary Paetau. All were in favor.

b. Resolution No. 2021-05- Appropriations Request for South Beach Park Basketball Court Replacement- Jason Phitides and Trevor Hughes

In the original CIP plan, Parks and Recreation was going to resurface the basketball court. When the contractor came to give an estimate, it was shown there had been significant settling on half of the court, and it made more fiscal sense to redo the entire court. It was also noted that the new court would be approximately 5ft. shorter than the current court, to make more space for pickle ball courts in the future.

Ms. Povlovski asked if there would be anticipated additional costs, as it is listed in the contract that tree removal, dirt removal, etc. are exclusions. Mr. Hughes stated they did not anticipate any additional costs.

Mr. Paetau asked that they consider expanding the pathway from the parking lot to the basketball courts, and asked if there were plans for any additional landscaping. Mr. Hughes stated there was nothing set in stone, but they were working on plans once the court is completed.

Mr. Jones stated as a recreational basketball player, he sees great concern over shortening the court 5ft. He asked if we could reconsider this once we have the layout of the future courts, along with the current court, before the board made a final decision.

Chairman Art Graham stated the board would defer the topic until the next meeting, and asked parks and recreation to bring a rough site plan including the basketball courts and pickle ball courts, showing one shortened and one full length court.

Mr. Paetau asked if it would be possible to see a plan showing the courts, landscaping, and sidewalks all inclusive.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Sunshine Playground and South Beach Park Update – Trevor Hughes, Parks and Recreation

Trevor Hughes began by stating it was not feasible to rebuild the playground exactly as it exists now. It is not conducive as is to become ADA compliant. They plan to build the same 'style' playground, but a newer, more sustainable version (something that is a poly-blend type material).

The survey sent out received 420 responses and the top three items were 1. More shade 2. Better visibility and 3. A larger footprint.

Mr. Art Graham noted that the wood got extremely hot, and since the proposed new material was plastic based, would that become extremely hot? Mr. Hughes said no the material would not get as hot as the wood.

Mr. Paetau asked for clarification, to be sure the board is understanding the process. This will be a design to build process, final three vendors selected by parks and recreation will be presented to the CRA, then a final choice will be made. Mr. Hughes confirmed this is how the process will go. The playground project could be completed as early as March 2022.

Chairman Art Graham mentioned that he with the updates to the park, he would like to have some sort of bench program where people can purchase a bench in memory of, for an organization, family, etc.

CFO Ashlie Gossett mentioned that if the CRA does not pay for said bench, they cannot use their funds to maintain, making a memorial bench program difficult to do.

Staff will do research to see if the Southend plan allows for donations, and if it does, begin the process of seeing how we can create a program similar to this.

B. Budget Update – Ashlie Gossett, CFO

Finance Department is currently putting together the 5 year CIP Plan and operating budget. Plans to get CRA feedback at the May meeting, final comments at the June meeting, adopt budget in August, vote on Budget in September (this is a rough timeline).

Staff will also begin working with other departments to create an official maintenance plan for the CRA

C. Beaches Electric – Lighting Update – Heather Ireland, Planning Director

Ms. Ireland reported that staff is communicating with beaches electric regarding the lighting

plans for the downtown. At this time, there is no major update, but staff will be sure to work together with beaches lighting to make sure any work we are doing to the infrastructure of the downtown is in coordination with the lighting updates so we are doing “the same work twice”.

Mr. Jones requested that staff get definitions of the types of lighting fixtures defined in the lighting plan.

D. Group Brainstorm of Potential Projects to be Added to Downtown Plan

The board brainstormed several ideas that will be compiled into a list by staff for internal review. Staff will compare the items on the list to what exists in the current plan, and categories into two categories: 1. Items to be done with no plan amendment and 2. Items requiring a plan amendment. Staff will present these findings at the next meeting, and begin working towards these goals

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS

- Mr. Ken Marsh was in attendance and mentioned that the CRA doesn't have a “plan” in place. He stated the CRA often references the 1987 & 2007 plans, but no action has actually been taken in regards to those plans and action items. He posed the question, how can the CRA talk projects relevant to a plan, when one does not exist?

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Art Graham called the meeting at 5:00PM, and reminded the board of the workshop with City Council next month, on May 26th.

Submitted by: Taylor Mobbs

Approval:



Art Graham, Chairman

Date:

5/24/2021