

Minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency
held Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 3:00 PM
in the Council Chambers, 11 North 3rd Street,
Jacksonville Beach, Florida



CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Chairman: Gerhard Paetau
Board Members: Meghan Edwards (absent) Thad Moseley
Kevin Myers Ron Whittington
Alternates: Sydney Talcott Marcus Kampfe
Also present: CRA Coordinator Taylor Mobbs, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, and Deputy City Clerk Jodilynn Byrd.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR TO VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes on May 18, 2026

There was no motion and second, initially, but the Board later revisited the item for a motion and vote.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Whittington and seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the May 18, 2026, Community Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.

In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Boardwalk Activation Pilot Program Update

Ms. Mobbs first provided a broader staff report on several additional projects, then presented an update on the boardwalk activation pilot program.

Ms. Mobbs stated the passive park was actively moving along, with the contractor focused on clearing underbrush, and substantial completion was anticipated in late September or early October depending on weather.

Ms. Mobbs stated the park did not yet have an official name, and the City had a policy governing the naming of city facilities. She advised staff was developing potential names carrying significance tied to Jacksonville Beach, would present them to the City Council and the CRA for review, and would then survey the public to vote on a preferred name.

Ms. Mobbs stated the South Beach Parkway urban trail segment was also moving along, with the same contractors working on the trail and the Passive Park concurrently.

Ms. Mobbs reminded the board the P3 project remained under the cone of silence and neither board members nor evaluation committee members could discuss the solicitation. She stated

proposals had been received, the selection committee was working through detailed submissions, and the date for the public scoring meeting had not been set.

Ms. Mobbs reported the Seawalk Pavilion mural had experienced cracking and chipping on the side facing the ocean. She stated staff contacted the artist regarding the repair and had also reached out to Parks and Recreation and members of the art committee for options.

Ms. Mobbs stated all materials for the boardwalk activation pilot program had been completed, including the agreement, application, and insurance requirements, and the documents were with the legal team. She advised the program would launch following legal review and staff was considering designating one weekend on a quarterly, bimonthly, or monthly basis, similar to the food truck rally program. She noted approximately 25 to 30 vendors had already expressed interest.

Ms. Mobbs advised the August 13, 2026, CRA workshop would feature the City Attorney presenting a code of ethics update and ethics training, and the regular August meeting would be held on August 24, 2026.

Ms. Mobbs provided an update regarding the Latham Plaza project stating the City received approval from the St. Johns River Water Management District the prior week, which also satisfied FWC permitting. She advised the consultant anticipated a shelf ready document for bid later in the year, staff was still working through electrical details, and the City was waiting to learn what conditions would be attached to the permit.

Chair Paetau asked whether the art committee had made further progress on the art object planned in front of the pier. Ms. Mobbs stated the committee had not met while staff worked to wind down smaller projects and moved through budget season, and a department vacancy had also contributed. She anticipated issuing a call later in the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Adopt/Deny CRA Resolution 2026-04 adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Jacksonville Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Budget

Ms. Mobbs explained the budget process had been completed successfully, and this was the first of several meetings at which the budget would be discussed, and noted the Chief Financial Officer was present for technical questions.

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett answered questions from the board.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Whittington and seconded Mr. Moseley to accept CRA Resolution 2026-04 adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget for CRA.

In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Prior to the next agenda item, Ms. Mobbs discussed two additional items of new business.

Ms. Mobbs advised Alder and Oak, in the former Jekyll Brewing space, had opened and applied for the outdoor dining pilot program. The Fire Marshal returned stamped and approved plans, which were forwarded to the City Manager.

Ms. Mobbs introduced representative of GAI, who was working with Public Works on several projects including the phase 3B improvement along Second Avenue North. She stated staff would work with Public Works, GAI, and the board on final design, noting First Street had proven safer than Second Street and damaged pavers cannot be restored, and anticipated returning with GAI in the coming months.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

A. Grant Application Deadline Extension

Ms. Mobbs explained the meeting had moved two weeks earlier than its regular date, and although she notified applicants the quarterly grant review would shift from July 27, 2026, meeting, several interested businesses could not meet the two-week submission requirement.

Ms. Mobbs noted the façade grant program allowed the CRA to modify the quarterly review schedule at its discretion and formally requested to accept applications through the regular August meeting, with the quarter three review conducted at that meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Ms. Mobbs confirmed the August 13, 2026, workshop and regular meeting on August 24, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 3:31 PM.

Submitted by: Taylor Mobbs, CRA Coordinator

Approval:



Chairman

Date: 8.24.26