



CRA Board Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 15, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.  
Arts Warehouse  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Renee Jadusingh  
Christine Tibbs  
Nikki Temple

Tracy Waterlander  
Kim Phan  
Lori Hayward

Ivan Cabrera  
Rob Massi  
Alexina Jeannite

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

DJ Doody

Sanaz Alempour

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair Shirley Ervin Johnson, Vice Chair Adam Frankel (until 5:00 p.m.), Deputy Vice Chair Angie Gray, Commissioner Juli Casale, Commissioner Shelly Petrolia, and Commissioner Kelcey Cordell Brooks.

**Absent:** Commissioner Ryan Boylston

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Commissioner Petrolia, to approve the agenda as amended. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed (5-0). Commissioner Brooks did not vote.

**4. July PowerPoint Presentation**

Included for information only.

## **5. Staff Reports**

- a. Monthly Work Plan Report**
- b. Corey Jones Isle Update**
- c. Arts Warehouse Report**
- d. Funding Assistance Report**
- e. Property Management Report**
- f. Social Media/Outreach Report**

Included for information only.

## **6. Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items**

Yvonne Odom, 3905 Lonesome Boulevard, addressed the Community Land Trust (CLT) model of maintaining ownership of the land when selling a house. She stated there should be a public conversation about the model. Continuing, Ms. Odom stated Delray Beach Community Development Corporation (CDC) was working hard to get police officers and similar qualified for housing. She reiterated past comments that the CRA Board and City Commission should be separate entities. She stated it sits the wrong way with her. Ms. Odom spoke in favor of continuing the fund the FreeBee (item 9a) and pled to Delray Beach residents to get vaccinated and wear masks.

Laura Simon, Downtown Development Authority (DDA), spoke regarding the point-to-point transportation service (item 9a). She stated the service had been a tremendous asset to the community since the CRA had taken it on. She encouraged the CRA to think strongly before considering terminating the service, noting it sets Delray Beach apart.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

- a. May 25, 2021 – Workshop Meeting Minutes**
- b. May 25, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
- c. June 10, 2021 – Joint City Commission / CRA Workshop Meeting Minutes**
- d. June 10, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**
- e. CRA Financial Report – May 2021**
- f. First Amendment to Continuing Consultant Services Agreements for Architectural Services and Landscape Architectural Services**
- g. Paint-Up and Signage Funding Agreement – Andrew Luchey (132/134 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 241/243 SW 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

- h. Third Amendment to the Consulting Work Assignment with Song & Associates, Inc. – 95 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**
- i. Ratify the Execution of the First Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement – Pulte Home Company, LLC – CRA-Owned Properties in the Southwest Neighborhood (Carver Square)**

**Motion** by Vice Chair Frankel seconded by Deputy Vice Chair Gray, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed (6-0).

## **8. Old Business**

- a. Selection of Potential Tenant – Notice of Intent to Lease CRA-Owned Property Located at 182 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Christine Tibbs, Assistant CRA Director, provided a brief history of the CRA-owned property at 182 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and review of the tenant applicants. She reviewed the public Notice of Intent to Lease, and the uses outlined. She noted a tenant for 186 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue was selected in June, but the vote by paper ballot following the presentations for 182 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue had resulted in a tie, so the item was moved forward to this meeting. Ms. Tibbs stated staff was recommending the Board select a potential tenant by motion.

**Motion** by Vice Chair Frankel, seconded by Deputy Vice Chair Gray, to approve Nicole’s House as potential tenant for 182 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed (6-0).

Deputy Vice Chair Gray asked if staff was moving forward working with the other proposers. She stated the CRA was moving forward with other locations, and she was prayerful that Roots and Froots would look at those spaces. She asked for an update on the timeline for other CRA properties to be available. Deputy Vice Chair Gray congratulated Visual Adjectives on making space in the Arts Garage work and stated there was a lot of work still to do.

Ms. Jadusingh stated Visual Adjectives had moved in on July 1.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray asserted that holdups with permitting and signage were ridiculous, and asked what the holdup was on moving forward with the commercial projects to give other businesses much-needed affordable space. She asked what the Board could do.

Chair Johnson stated item 9b on the agenda might provide some answers. She asserted that she was concerned the CRA could not seem to get the two (2) projects on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue going.

Ms. Jadusingh provided a brief update on the projects. She stated a contractor had been approved for the 98 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue project, but the permit remains pending.

Chair Johnson asked what the delays with the permit were. She asserted the CRA Board would want to campaign and put pressure on the City to help.

Ms. Jadusingh responded the permit was in the pipeline for review, but she would have to call to find out where it was specifically. She stated staff had been addressing comments as they come. She noted DJ Doody had prepared a contract for the contractor to sign once the permits were in place.

Ms. Jadusingh stated 95 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue was still in site plan review process. She noted it was further behind due to some joint issues that included relocating a Florida Power and Light (FPL) line. She added that the project had not yet been put out to bid because it was further behind.

Chair Johnson asked if there was a timeframe on 95 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Ms. Jadusingh explained the plans had been redrawn, but that meant the plans had to go back through the process again, and there may be new comments. She stated staff speaks to the Development Review team frequently.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray asserted that Ms. Jadusingh was being too kind, and the issues with permitting on the City level needed to be addressed because others were having problems, as well. She stated the holdup with signage was also ridiculous.

Ms. Jadusingh stated there were a couple of different things going on with signs. She explained that signs on Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) property had to go through the FDOT permit process, and that application requires a signature from the City Manager. She stated they had spoken with City staff several months ago, but the application had not yet been signed. Ms. Jadusingh noted there is also a process where the City has to review the applications, and the interlocal agreement (ILA) for that portion was complete.

Chair Johnson suggested a meeting with the new City Manager after he had a few days to get his footing. She stated she hoped by the August meeting something would have shaken loose.

**b. Possible Action Regarding the CRA's Right to Terminate the Purchase and Sale Agreement with BH3 Management, LLC**

Sanaz Alempour from Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A., outside counsel, explained that as the Board was aware, BH3 had initiated claims against the CRA in State court, as well as an appeal before the Fourth District of Appeals. She stated she and Ms. Jadusingh had met with each member of the Board individually and kept them apprised of the status of the litigation, including potential impacts of termination of the agreement if the Board were to vote in favor of exercising its right to terminate.

Ms. Alempour stated section nine (9) of the Purchase and Sale Agreement provided the CRA a right to terminate the agreement in the event the closing did not take place on or before the closing date set forth within the agreement, which was July 10, 2021. Pursuant to the agreement and the four (4) amendments, the termination date had now come, as the closing

did not take place within the time period prescribed. She stated in light of BH3's failure to timely close, and in advance of the termination date, the Board had the right to consider and exercise its right to terminate the Purchase and Sale Agreement pursuant to section nine (9). She noted this would require the return of the earnest money and any interest earned.

Ms. Alempour explained that as outside counsel, and after evaluating and discussing the matter with general counsel as well as with each member of the Board and the Executive Director, she was asking the Board to consider exercising its right to terminate the Purchase and Sale Agreement pursuant to sections 1.21 and nine (9) of the agreement.

**Motion** by Commissioner Petrolia, seconded by Vice Chair Frankel, to terminate the Purchase and Sale Agreement with BH3 pursuant to sections 1.21 and nine (9) of the Purchase and Sale Agreement. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed (6-0).

Vice Chair Frankel left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Point-to-Point Transportation Services – Fourth Amendment to the Original Agreement – One Year Contract Renewal with BeeFree Inc./DBA FreeBee**

Ivan Cabrera, CRA Project Manager, provided a history of the agreement with FreeBee. He stated the original agreement allowed for two (2) extensions of one (1) year, subject to the approval of the Board and both parties, and the first of those extensions had extended the service to August 30, 2021. He noted this would be the final option to renew under the terms of the original agreement.

Mr. Cabrera shared details of the presence of FreeBee in the community. He explained ridership and demand continues to grow on the FreeBee service. He discussed the ridership data and associated equity, as well as decreased traffic and more availability of parking. Mr. Cabrera shared information on the economic impact of the service, community involvement of the company, and environmental benefits. Mr. Cabrera provided an analysis of the service area and extended service area. He noted staff receives calls looking to expand the service, but most of the requests are outside the CRA district. Mr. Cabrera reviewed the cost of the service and stated Jason Spiegel from FreeBee would outline options for adjustment to the service area and answer any questions.

Mr. Spiegel explained staff had asked FreeBee to put together a few options for service area extensions and the addition of vehicles. He reviewed options for addition of one (1) to three (3) vehicles, with and without an expanded service area. He stated the program had been very successful and equitable, with a variety of demographics taking advantage of the service.

Commissioner Casale asked for demographic information, and whether it was vacationers coming into town or locals. She stated she loves the service but was wondering if it had been determined exactly who was using it.

Mr. Cabrera shared a *PowerPoint* slide breaking down the demographics of the ridership. Commissioner Casale asked if there was data as to what percentage of riders were people coming into town and looking to go out to dinner while visiting, local workers getting to their jobs, or residents who find it easier to use the service than their car. She stated she was trying to get a sense of who was using the service.

Mr. Spiegel stated during Spring Break it was a heavier percentage of tourists, but he would estimate less than 50%. He explained there are residents who use the service every day to get to and from work or to get into the downtown area for dinner or activities. He said off the top of his head, since the end of Spring Break he would estimate ridership was 60 percent residents and 40% tourists.

Chair Johnson stated she had a few people speak to her personally wondering why they could not go from the Northwest neighborhood to the Southwest neighborhood, and an email asking why it was not extended farther along A1A. She noted senior citizens west of I-95 would probably like to have the ability to call for a pickup, as well.

Commissioner Petrolia pointed out there are limitations as to what streets the FreeBee can go on due to speed limits.

Chair Johnson asked if it was possible to have a workshop on the issue rather than make a decision at this time and alert residents to the fact the Board was discussing the service. She stated the City was also going to have to be part of the conversation.

Ms. Jadusingh stated staff had also received emails about expanding the area. She noted the service was within the CRA boundaries because by statute, that was where CRA funds were to be spent. She explained the pilot expansion with the Lake Ida area bringing people into downtown, noting the ride had to start or stop in the downtown area.

Chair Johnson asserted that was as long as the CRA was participating, but if it was the City, that would be different. She stated this was something to turn back to the City and say there was a need, because residents don't understand the CRA boundaries.

Ms. Jadusingh responded that the CRA and City had discussed the service many times. She stated the intent was for the City to have taken it back, but that has not happened at this point and the contract was coming up.

Chair Johnson stated the City needed to be forced to come to the table. She asserted it was more than just the CRA.

Ms. Jadusingh explained if the contract was not renewed, it would end August 30.

Chair Johnson asserted it seemed the only option the CRA had was to continue what they are currently doing.

Ms. Jadusingh responded that the Board had the option to say they were not going to continue at this time and the service would end August 30. She stated there had been a lot of positive results, but for whatever reason there had not yet been time to consider the matter by the City and renewing it would give a year to have those conversations.

Chair Johnson stated if they did not involve the City, it would not be in the City budget. Deputy Vice Chair Gray stated this conversation had been going on for years, and the problem now was that the service should be expanded to other areas, but because the CRA is funding it, it cannot. She asserted this was a function of the City, and the City had turned it over to the CRA like the nonprofit grants and other things.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray said this was definitely a needed service, but not at the expense of the CRA. She stated there was another meeting and a new City Manager prior to the contract ending. She asserted that she did not want to stop the service but wanted it to go back where it needed to be with the City.

Commissioner Casale responded that she also wanted to continue the service and asked Deputy Vice Chair Gray if she would be amenable to a sharing agreement with the City. She stated going outside the CRA area was a small portion of the use, so asking the City to pay for their part would not make a substantial difference in the total amount.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray stated she did not think the CRA should participate at all. Commissioner Casale asked if she would consider a sharing agreement where the CRA still contributes some portion, and the City is asked to contribute some portion. She stated at that point they could look to add more vehicles and expand the program. She noted it was a unique feature of the City and would be better with a larger fleet. Commissioner Casale agreed it should be more of a City function, she just wondered if the CRA should not pay some portion of it.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray stated that she thought the transportation should be turned back over to the City to work out, and if the CRA needs to kick in somewhere, they can look at that.

Discussion ensued regarding an appropriate time to meet with the City on the matter.

Mr. Doody stated an alternative option to consider would be to accept staff's recommendation for an annual renewal, which would maintain the status quo, recognizing the contract allowed for termination due to mutual convenience. He explained that if the contract was approved today, it could be terminated within 45 days if the Board was not satisfied with the City's involvement.

Commissioner Petrolia responded that she thought that was too convenient and would not give the City the inspiration to jump on board. She stated she thought they should revisit the issue at the beginning of August with the City. She asked if a month-to-month extension could be done to give one (1) month to give extra time to meet without a special hearing.

Mr. Doody responded that continuing month-to-month at the expiration of the contract would be an option if the vendor was amenable.

Commissioner Petrolia asked Mr. Spiegel if that was something his company would consider. She stated the issue was the timing of the contract and the timing of the budget. She asserted that she wanted to shift it over to be a City function, and did not want to make it easy for them to say no. She stated she did not want to see a gap.

Mr. Spiegel responded that since day one (1), FreeBee had said they were there to be a community partner and work with Delray Beach to make things work. He stated if that was the best option to continue the service and push toward potential expansion, so be it.

Commissioner Petrolia stated they may not need the extra time, because if it is determined the City would continue it on, they could pick up the existing agreement.

Chair Johnson asked if the consensus was to table the item.

Commissioner Petrolia asked if they could make sure everyone was on the same page as to whether they were talking about keeping the service as is or expanding.

Discussion ensued as to whether to vote on expanding the service or wait to talk to the City.

Ms. Jadusingh stated that if the Board approved extension of the contract on a month-to-month basis, the additional cars could be added later. She noted that as long as the contract was open, FreeBee could expand the service outside the CRA boundaries with assistance from the City.

**Motion** by Commissioner Petrolia, seconded by Deputy Vice Chair Gray, to allow for a month-to-month extension of the FreeBee contract at status quo. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed (5-0).

Commissioner Casale thanked FreeBee for being flexible and for their willingness to work with the CRA.

Mr. Doody asked FreeBee to clarify their intent moving forward.

Mr. Spiegel confirmed their intent was to continue operating on a month-to-month basis at the same cost.



**b. Update and Discussion – NW 800 Block Redevelopment Project – Conceptual Design Sketches**

Ms. Jadusingh provided a brief history of the NW 800 block, including the CRA-owned property and the remediation site. She noted the remediation section was a former gas station and still going through some testing, so could not yet be developed. Ms. Jadusingh shared the Community Redevelopment Plan, which included an acquisition map of the property, and the West Atlantic Redevelopment Plan. She stated instead of leaving the area vacant, the CRA was considering a container park.

Chair Johnson asked if there was any indication as to how much longer it would take to get permission to develop.

Ms. Jadusingh explained the clearance would come once the wells came back with no contamination, so it was up to the soil. She stated she thought there were monthly checks, and quarterly reports.

Chair Johnson thanked staff for making the area more attractive in the meantime.

Ms. Jadusingh continued to review the West Atlantic Redevelopment Plan, noting it called for something similar to Atlantic Grove with a building in the front and parking in the back and hedging buffering between the building and neighborhood on the frontage. She pointed out the CRA does not own the entire area depicted in the plan. Ms. Jadusingh stated other plans had been created, including the West Atlantic Master Plan, which calls for activation of sites temporarily through pop-up alternatives. She noted the intent was to bring ideas to the Board for activation of the empty lots.

Commissioner Casale stated the Board had received emails asking if this was the right look for the gateway, but a friend had done research and found some beautiful designs that would look appropriate. She noted that something she liked about the idea was that the CRA could move on it much more quickly versus trying to build to utilize the space in the same way.

Ms. Jadusingh responded that there would be some land use things to work out, but the plans had called for developing the entire space, and because the CRA does not own all of it, they must adjust. She stated this was an opportunity for local businesses to have a small, temporary space and grow into their own space. She noted calling them containers might have negative connotations.

Commissioner Casale stated she thought they looked cool.

Ms. Jadusingh pointed out they were more affordable compared to the rents on Atlantic Avenue.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray commented on the use of containers to activate along the bay in Tampa. She stated there was entertainment, and Delray Beach could set the trend by doing it well. She noted there were many businesses in homes that would love to open up and be on West Atlantic. Deputy Vice Chair Gray stated it was all about the people – the residents, property owners, and business owners. She asserted this gave opportunities for wealth building in the community and suggested the neighboring property owners might want to partner to benefit, as well.

Commissioner Petrolia stated she 100 percent supported and agreed with the comments. She said in reviewing the mock-ups, she thought they should move forward with the project as a quicker way to get businesses involved. She stated this needed to be active with food and suggested something like a dog park would drive everybody there, as opposed to a pavilion.

Commissioner Petrolia asked if the corner area was completely off limits until cleared, or if something temporary like park space was appropriate.

Ms. Jadusingh responded the State of Florida had said they were not going to give a letter clearing it, so it would be at the CRA's own risk, and probably not in their best interest. She stated they could look at swapping out the panels on the fence or putting up a different fence.

Commissioner Petrolia asked if gravel parking was an option. She stated she was thinking of a way to utilize it in supporting the rest of the land.

Ms. Jadusingh stated staff could inquire about using the space as parking.

Commissioner Petrolia stated she loved the idea and thought they should move forward.

Chair Johnson asserted that she was fascinated and had seen other communities grabbing this idea. She stated the more they make sure Delray Beach is on the cutting edge, this was the direction for meeting the needs of start-ups that needed to be on Atlantic Avenue. She added that this was an excellent opportunity.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray stated she liked the idea of a small stage with one (1) to three (3) people doing entertainment.

Commissioner Petrolia responded that she was fine with that, as long as there was space for it. She stated she just worried about fitting everything in and suggested a symbiotic relationship with the business across the street instead might work. She agreed that entertainment was important.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray asserted that this was a destination, and she wanted to provide that clarity to staff.

Ms. Jadusingh shared images of the Tampa village, and other images. She stated this was a community process, a joint process, with community input. She noted the dog park on the plan was based on community input to not have noisy things facing the residential neighborhood. She pointed out it was a fluid process which was just beginning.

Chair Johnson stated people get hung up on the word “container” and a different description might help. She added that thinking outside the box was not something Delray Beach was known for, and she thought it was time. She noted it was colorful, and she loved that.

Chris Craddock, CPZ Architects, introduced Heidi Rodriguez and Roberto Perez and stated the team had four (4) sketches to share and discuss. He noted they were looking to be trendsetters and make the area a destination. He discussed efforts to be sensitive to the area, providing a buffer of green space while also facing Atlantic Avenue and providing flexibility.

Mr. Craddock walked through the sketches and shared ideas for the 800-block project. He discussed branding the community and providing a family-focused area for the community to come and spend the day.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray asked how many containers or businesses the space would accommodate.

Mr. Craddock pointed to numbers, noting the containers could be 20 or 40 feet and may need to be put together to accommodate businesses, so there was flexibility in the overall plan.

Commissioner Casale noted the plans ranged from 12 to 20 containers, depending how much green space or sitting space they wanted.

Mr. Craddock noted an idea for a “selfie spot” that would provide an iconic spot people want to come and take photos for social media in.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray asked about other shapes of containers. She noted franchises like Starbucks and Nike had plans that were not boxes.

Mr. Craddock stated they had discussed reaching out to manufacturers to learn more about the options that are available. He reviewed custom size options.

Commissioner Casale asked for clarification on the approximate timeline.

Mr. Craddock responded the geotechnical and engineering needed to happen, but the manufacturer gave estimates measured in weeks. He noted the City process would also be necessary, so would add to the timeline.

Chair Johnson asked if something could be in place by the end of the year.

Ivan Cabrera, CRA Project Manager, stated at this point they were just presenting an idea and could come back with a timeline. He noted there were many things which needed to be considered.

Chair Johnson responded that she understood there was infrastructure to consider. She stated she wanted it to be appealing to the public, that they were bringing the timeline from six (6) years to two (2). Chair Johnson asked the next steps.

Ms. Jadusingh stated they wanted to have a public meeting, probably at Pompey Park, to invite the community and get input from the residents and stakeholders. She noted this was an elimination of blight and use of the property. She stated if any of the Board had input, they could also email after the meeting.

Chair Johnson stated she would like the project to continue, and to do so as quick as possible.

**c. CRA Executive Director Annual Review**

Christine Tibbs, Assistant CRA Director, presented the item. She explained per the CRA Executive Director's employment agreement date June 14, 2019, the Board shall engage in an annual performance evaluation. She stated a first amendment to the agreement had been approved at the September 29, 2020 meeting.

Commissioner Brooks stated Ms. Jadusingh and her staff do a great job of keeping the Board informed, and the CRA is blessed to have her.

Commissioner Casale noted that Ms. Jadusingh had seen her written review. She stated there were not numbers on the review form, so she was not sure how it would equate to a calculation.

Ms. Tibbs explained the evaluation form had been developed based on feedback from the previous year. She stated the form could be changed the following year based on comments.

Commissioner Petrolia stated that she had Ms. Jadusingh was one of the best directors they had had in the position, and she would have to say she had kept the CRA on the straight and narrow through tough times. Commissioner Petrolia added that she appreciates the way Ms. Jadusingh understands her own limitations and seeks outside counsel as appropriate. She noted this was important in the position.

Deputy Vice Chair Gray stated she had been tough as far as scoring, but she was very happy with the work Ms. Jadusingh and her staff were doing. She added that she was most proud that Ms. Jadusingh listens to the Board and leads them into doing the work they want to do.

Chair Johnson added that she was so pleased and had nothing but a wonderful experience working with Ms. Jadusingh during her term as Chair of the Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the evaluation process and the options for a salary increase.

**Motion** by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Chair Gray, to increase Executive Director Jadusingh's salary by six (6) percent. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed (5-0).

## 10. Other Business

### a. Comments by Executive Director

Ms. Jadusingh thanked the Board for their comments. She stated she loves what she does, and the staff has an opportunity to make an impact on people's lives. She shared an update and photos of the Southwest Neighborhood Improvement Project, noting substantial completion was scheduled for August 16 and final completion for September 28. She shared an update of the Osceola Park Neighborhood Improvement Project, with Phase I set for substantial completion by August 3 and final completion September 17.

Chair Johnson asked how the neighbors were responding to the projects.

Ms. Jadusingh stated there had been some complaints of dust in the Southwest Neighborhood, and the consultants were working with the residents to address that. She noted there was discussion of a pressure washing program, and staff had asked Habitat for Humanity to bring their Rock the Block program to the neighborhood.

Ms. Jadusingh shared details of a second public meeting on July 15 to address the NE 34d Avenue streetscape improvements. She noted the meeting was in-person at the Swinton Operations Complex. She updated on the Senior Resource Center at the 708 W. Atlantic Avenue building, noting it was temporary but was taking off. She stated the project would soon include the CRA Resource Center, with details to come.

Ms. Jadusingh highlighted the Arts Warehouse, noting studio applications were open and the deadline was August 15. She stated flyers would be distributed to build interest. Continuing, Ms. Jadusingh shared details of the Work in Delray Beach virtual job fair, planned for August 3. She explained this was an offshoot of the Delray Beach Business Assistance Task Force and would include more than 50 businesses and over 1,000 jobs.

### b. Comments by Board Attorney

None.

### c. Comments by Commissioners

Deputy Vice Chair Gray asked about messaging and suggested a marquee sign to let the public know about activities happening. She discussed upcoming events at the swimming pool and the expansion of hours.

Discussion ensued regarding a previous donation to fund a marquee sign.

Chair Johnson asked that the Executive Director be directed to investigate funding for a marquee sign at Pompey Park.

Ms. Jadusingh stated there were funds in the Pompey Park project line item, with \$400,000 of it pulled to do the bathrooms, mold remediation, and other urgent projects this year. She noted staff could check if there was money left over to do a sign or could inquire with the City about adding it.

Commissioner Casale thanked staff for their efforts. She stated the A-GUIDE presentations were a reminder of the things the CRA was doing in the community. She thanked Ms. Odom for talking about COVID-19 during public comment and expressed concern regarding the new variant impacting children. She encouraged residents to remain vigilant.

Commissioner Petrolia pointed out Ms. Jadusingh had commented that she loved what she does, and it does not feel like a job. She noted that was why Ms. Jadusingh is so good at what she does.

Commissioner Brooks stated he prays everyone has a blessed vacation.

Chair Johnson thanked Ms. Jadusingh and stated she hopes the Board has shown her how much they appreciate her. Chair Johnson asserted the CRA had wakened the development community in the Northwest/Southwest Neighborhoods, and stated there was about to be an unprecedented explosion of development in the City. She asked for a consensus of the Board to direct staff to prepare and present a plan for the CRA to assist developers in whatever ways and means it can to partner with efforts in the works west of Swinton. She stated Ms. Jadusingh had experience with this in her past position.

Discussion ensued regarding CRA involvement in community projects and potential partnerships with developers.

Consensus was given for Ms. Jadusingh to review the proposal for the project Chair Johnson was referencing to determine if it should be on a future agenda.

## 11. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



Renee Jadusingh, Executive Director



Shirley Ervin Johnson, Board Chair

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