

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) of the City of Titusville, Florida met in regular session on Tuesday, November 11, 2003 in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, at 5:30 p.m.

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Present were Chairman Ron Swank, Vice-Chairman Jeff Rainey and Members Greg Akers, Jim Ball, Chris Broome, Conrad Eigenmann, and Ken Ward. Also in attendance were Executive Director Tom Harmer and CRA Attorney Dwight Severs.

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Chairman Swank called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in honor of the Veterans Day holiday and all veterans and military members around the world. The entire assembly stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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The first item of business was the approval of minutes for the October 14, 2003 meeting. Member Broome moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business Executive Director Harmer presented an update of projects and grants with the following items highlighted the Redevelopment Plan Supplement that was included in the October package for review and comment would be addressed at a Workshop November 18, 2003. The Workshop would also address architectural standards for the downtown. Other items included in the updated included: Harbor Pointe; Downtown Parking and Circulation; Downtown Commons Clean Up Project; and the CRA budget update.

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Mr. Chuck Nelson of the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department provided an updatede on referendum projects in the CRA District. The following specific projects were highlighted: Causeway improvements project was on hold. There was a new design for the Parrish Park Boat Ramp.

The Chain of Lakes project would go to the St. Johns River District Board in December 2003 for the final permit. Mr. Nelson reported that the County wanted to go to bid on this project in January 2004 and that the project would take two years to complete with the athletic field portions being completed first working from north to south. Mr. Nelson also explained that a historic house would be relocated from its current location on Jay Jay Road to Brevard Community College property east of U.S. Highway One for restoration and that the overall project appeared to be on track budgetarily. Chairman Swank asked Mr. Nelson if all the projects he briefed would be funded. Mr. Nelson replied they would.

Mr. Nelson then briefed the progress of the following projects: Holder Park, Blanton Park, Tom Statham Park, Fox Lake Park, Parrish Park-Scottsmoor, Stuart Park, and Sand Point Park.

Mr. Nelson then briefed the Marina Park project and reported that the County recommended the design with no parking on the north side of the park to go to City Council for consideration. The County recommendation was based on concerns that the parking on the north side may be used for purposes other than park use. He also reported that a second design, with parking on the north side, would also be provided for consideration. Mr. Nelson then briefed the progress at the North Brevard Senior Center and that the project, entirely as designed, may not be totally funded.

Mr. Nelson then briefed the Sand Point Park project as having two phases. The initial phase would go to bid soon. Member Ward was concerned with drainage. Mr. Nelson replied that drainage improvements would be made. Member Ball asked what would be accomplished during the first phase. Mr. Nelson replied that phase one contained all improvements from the ball field south and that asphalt and parking would not be funded with referendum funds. Mr. Nelson then thanked Chairman Swank for his attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated Sand Drift Community Center on Singleton Avenue and reported that the project was completed at budget.

Mr. Nelson then briefed that the Veterans Memorial Pier project was out to bid and also under budget. He also reported that County Staff will be used to operate the concession stand. Mr. Nelson then briefed that the WW James Ball Fields project was under way. Mr. Nelson then briefed that the County had no interest, intent or desire to operate concessions at any athletic fields

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Barbara Meyer of the Brevard County Metropolitan Planning Organization was present to address any questions or concerns regarding Bicycle Trail safety within County parks. She spoke of the Baytown Trail with appraisals going on and that security and maintenance were accomplished through site plans with lighting, gates, and enforced hours of operations. Member Eigenmann had concerns involving the proximity of the Florida East Coast Railroad tracks in relation to certain trails where citizens walk to include the homeless. He specifically mentioned points in the trail where the railroad tracks were within 100 feet. Ms. Meyer replied by recommending creative landscaping, fencing, and signage, things that had been successful in the past. Member Eigenmann emphasized that he desires the public to be aware that the public safety was being considered in the design consideration of these park projects. Member Broome suggested the use of Police and Sheriff Deputy patrols within park trails.

Executive Director Harmer then briefed the CRA on the ongoing Kentucky Fried Chicken architectural design and improvement that was currently ongoing. He felt the red awnings, historical-themed mural, and brick mimicking on the lower portion of the building appropriately addressed the CRA concerns of October 14, 2003.

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Downtown Coordinator Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Harmer outlined the draft agreement between the CRA and the Chamber of Commerce in reference to the position of Downtown Coordinator to be funded by the CRA. Chairman Swank needed clarification on the fiscal funding of the position. Marcia Gaektke, Chamber of Commerce President, reported the

Chamber of Commerce's excitement of the future working relationship. She also announced that the issue will be formerly addressed by the Chamber of Commerce at its next scheduled meeting on November 22, 2003.

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Executive Director Harmer announced that current City Redevelopment Specialist, Wes Hoaglund had excepted another position with a firm in Orlando and will leave City service, after 15 years, in December, 2003. He also announced that Mr. Hoaglund would be formerly recognized for his service at the November 18, 2003 CRA Workshop.

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Petitions and Requests from the Public Present Francis Riley announced the "Tour of Titusville" campaign. A joint venture between: The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum, American Police Hall of Fame and Museum, The U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum, The TAL Gallery, and the North Brevard Historical Museum. Mr. Riley outlined the program and presented CRA Chairman Swank a T-Shirt commemorating the event.

Joan Wheeler asked how CRA funds their support personnel such. She felt it was an outrage to enter into a program with the Chamber of Commerce for five years and also felt it was not properly accomplished.

Member Ball announced a Street Party on December 5, 2003. Marcia Gaetzke, Chamber of Commerce President described the event and informed the audience that it will snow during the event.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.