

**Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 4, 2022
3:00 – 5:00 PM
City Commission Conference Room, City Hall**

Attendance

Board Members: Brandon Eady (Chair), Commissioner Chad McLeod, Chrissanne Long, Harry Bryant, Terry Coney, Frank Lansford, Teresa O'Brien, Tyler Zimmerman and Kate Lake

Absent:

Staff: Brian Rewis, Shelley Guiseppi and Carlos Turner

Guests: Assistant City Attorney Jerrod Simpson, Assistant Director Jason Willey, Brian Goding, Chief Ruben Garcia, Assistant Chief Steven Pacheco and Julie Townsend

Packets

- Meeting Minutes dated July 7, 2022
- Financial Update
- Project Progression Report
- Memo – Proposed Expanded Community Policing Innovation Partnership with the Lakeland Police Department

Housekeeping

Action Items – Old Business

Financial Update & Project Tracker

Brian Rewis advised financials are doing very well and projects are on track.

Housekeeping

Brian Rewis thanked Brian Goding for his time and service on the CRA Board.

Meeting Minutes Dated July 7, 2022

Tyler Zimmerman requested to amend minutes to correct the attendance.

Commissioner McLeod motioned to approve amended minutes.

Frank Lansford seconded which passed unanimously

Action Items – New Business

Proposed Expanded Community Policing Innovation Partnership with the Lakeland Police

Brian Rewis presented the Proposed Expanded Community Policing Innovation Partnership with the Lakeland Police Department. In 2016, the CRA entered into an agreement with LPD to fund two police officer positions to work within the CRA districts. The officers work a twelve (12) hour shift seven days a

week. There is also a remote camera installed on Tennessee Ave. to assist with surveillance. The current two officers have had success with patrolling and securing the area since the start. There is a fair amount of resources being used in the CRA districts but there are plans to expand and provide more direct coverage.

Kate Lake questioned the names of the officers.

Assistant Chief Pacheco provided the names.

Brandon Eady asked what a neighbor liaison officer is versus a standard police officer.

Chief Garcia explained a standard officer handles any issue that come into the station whereas a neighbor liaison officer handles specific issues more in detail to help prevent the same issue going forward.

Terry Coney questioned the change in statistics from 2018 to 2020.

Chief Garcia advised Covid-19 was the reason for the change.

Commissioner McLeod asked what the reason is for adding two more officers.

Chief Garcia advised the needs of the area have increased and two more officers can help with the increase. Assistant Chief Pacheco added that adding two more officers will allow for 24-hour coverage in the CRA districts.

Brandon Eady asked how success of this addition will be determined.

Chief Garcia advised success will be based on the fact the business owners and residents will feel safer and not necessarily statistics. Assistant Chief Pacheco added that is it also hard to determine the success based on statistics due to the community feedback is generally not regarding the good encounters but more so complaints.

Tyler Zimmerman suggested the CRA Officers should have direct links and contacts with business owners.

Terry Coney stated the additional officers should help with the amount of people in the area that gather after normal business hours in the CRA districts. The discussion ensued.

Brian Rewis presented the proposal which consists of a total of four CRA-Funded officer positions. The officers will be reassigned to patrol for twenty-four-hour coverage. The CRA Manager is to be a member of the Lateral Transfer Board and the CRAO will also be present for the CRA Advisory Board meetings when available. The term will be through 2031. The projected cost for all four officers over the next nine (9) years would be approximately \$4.9 million dollars.

Kate Lake asked what percentage of the cost regarding the CRA budget.

Brian Rewis advised it is about five (5) percent of the CRA budget.

Kate Lake questioned how each officer will be informed of what is happening in the area.

Chief Garcia advised there is an activity report that is published every twelve (12) hours that is read by each officer before their shift that discusses what occurred that day. There is also a briefing that takes place before each shift to inform the officers. The discussion ensued.

Terry Coney motioned to approve.
Chrissanne Long seconded the motion.
Teresa O'Brien then questioned the proposal by suggesting a shorter term and the discussion ensued.

Brandon Eady suggested to move to vote.
The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Brandon Eady advised the 2022 FRA Annual conference date and encouraged all Board members to attend.

Adjourned at 4:33 PM

Next Meeting, Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:00 PM.



Brandon Eady, Chairman

9/1/2022
Date