

**Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday October 5, 2023  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
City Commission Conference Room**

**Attendance**

Board Members: Terry Coney, Chrissanne Long, Katy Martinez, Christine Goding, Ronald Roberts, Lynne Simpkins and Jason Ellis

Absent: Tyler Zimmerman and Commissioner McCleod

Staff: Valerie Ferrell, Shelley Guiseppi, Jonathan Rodriguez, Sandra Fairall, Karen Thompson and Carlos Turner

Guests: Assistant Director Jason Willey, James Randolph, Carolina Smith LPD/NLO CRA Officer Hammersla, Khalil Majied and Sarah Walsh

**Packets**

- Meeting Minutes dated August 3, 2023, and September 7, 2023
- Financial Update
- Project Progression Report
- Managers' Report

**Action Items – Old Business**

**Financial Update & Project Tracker**

Valerie provided an update on the financials by stating the FY24 budget has been approved and projects are on track and asked if there were any questions regarding any active projects.

The FRA conference is on October 24-27<sup>th</sup> and thanked the Board members who signed up to attend.

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Chrissanne Long motioned to approve.

Christine Goding seconded which passed unanimously.

**Housekeeping**

Valerie Ferrell opened nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Christine Goding nominated Terry Coney and Chrissanne Long to remain as Chair and Vice Chair.

Vote passed by unanimous decision for Terry Coney to remain as Chair.

Vote passed by unanimous decision for Chrissanne Long to remain as Vice Chairman.

Discussion ensued.

Katy Martinez questioned the number of extensions for Oak St.

Valerie Ferrell advised the Development Agreement allows the developer to request additional closings at a cost, and cannot close on the property until all permit approvals are complete.

Terry Coney introduced Carolina Smith from Prospera.

Carolina Smith provided an update on Prospera. She advised they have been doing orientations and presentations at The Well and at The Chamber of Commerce.

Katy Martinez asked what type of trainings are being done.

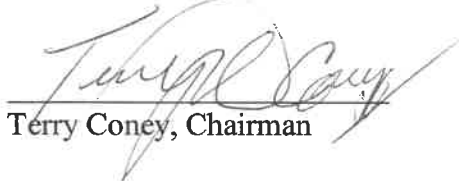
Carolina Smith advised the trainings are focused on education, workshops, consulting and professional assistance on how to run a business correctly.

Discussion ensued.

James Randolph provided an updated on BBIC. He stated they have providing workshops and trainings at The Chamber of Commerce. They are now focusing on having two cycles of workshops and trainings each month at The Well and The Chamber of Commerce. He stated the workshops have been productive.

**Adjourned at 4:00 PM**

**Next Meeting, Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 3:00 PM.**

  
Terry Coney, Chairman

DEC 7, 2023  
Date