

**Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board Retreat
Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 7, 2023
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Lake Crago Recreational Center**

Attendance

Board Members: Terry Coney, Chrissanne Long, Katy Martinez, Tyler Zimmerman, Ronald Roberts, Christine Goding

Absent: Commissioner Chad McCleod, Teresa O'Brien

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

Guests: Assistant Director Jason Willey, LPD/NLO Sgt. Henry, LPD/NLO Lt Parker, Katie Worthington Decker, Tori Hodges, Lynne Simpkins

Packets

- CRA 101 Training
- District Tour

Welcome and Focus Session

Valerie Ferrell began the Retreat with a short introduction and background on how each member arrived to the CRA. Each member shared their short introductions as well as their personal “why” in being a part of the organization. As part of this discussion, each shared their priorities in serving on the Advisory Board and representing the community.

Driving Tour – Downtown, Dixieland, Midtown

The Board toured each district and was given perspective of completed projects, some underway, and potential areas for redevelopment. This led to thought-provoking ideas on reasons to revitalize and adopting a shared vision.

CRA 101

CRA staff held a CRA 101 information session, reviewing the Florida Statutes governing Redevelopment Agencies and how they apply to daily best practices. This led to further discussion on how to effectively use the rules of engagement with incentives and funding, as well as being an effective CRA leader in the community.

Closing Remarks and Reflection Session

The Board reviewed thoughts from the training and tour. Staff shared that ideas and input would be summarized and shared in a Recap, which is attached to these minutes.

Adjourned at 3:35 PM

Next Meeting, Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 3:00pm-5:00pm.


Terry Coney, Chairman

OCT 5, 2023
Date