



## **RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD**

Hybrid Virtual & In-Person Meeting

City Hall, 117 West Duval Street

Mezzanine Level, Exam Room 1

Jacksonville, FL 32202

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Location:** The RA/CRA Advisory Board meeting was held as a hybrid virtual and in-person meeting. The RA/CRA Advisory Board Members met in person at City Hall, 117 West Duval Street, Mezzanine Level, Exam Room 1.

**RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Present:** Advisory Board Chair Matt Tuohy, Advisory Board Vice Chair Stephen Matchett, Advisory Board Members, Dedee Harper, Danyuell Newkirk, Bandele Onasanya, Ramsey Salem, and Monty Selim

**RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Not Present:** Advisory Board Members Wade Alliance and Cantrece Jones

**Staff Present:** Ed Randolph, Executive Director; Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment Manager; Casey Peyton, OED staff.

**Representing the Office of General Counsel:** Carla Lopera

**Representing the Office of City Council:** Councilman Ken Amaro, Council District 1, with ECA Joe Johnson

**Participating via Zoom:** Brian Wheeler, Renew Arlington Design Review

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair M. Tuohy called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was confirmed.

#### **II. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 19, 2023**

A correction was noted to the August 9, 2023, RA/CRA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes on page 4, correcting the Consideration of Application of Rezoning to PUD 2023-0425 motion from disapproval to deferred.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD VICE CHAIR S. MATCHETT AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER RAMSEY SALEM APPROVING THE RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD AUGUST 9, 2023, MEETING MINUTES, AS AMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RAISING THE THRESHOLD FROM \$250,000 TO \$500,000 FOR MCGP PROJECTS**

Ms. Nasrallah reported on the discussion at the August CRA Board Meeting stating that while many bids for future projects are coming, contractors are now only agreeing to hold bids for no more than 90 days. At the meeting, Ms. Nasrallah informed the Agency Board that it was highly likely that more special meetings in addition to the quarterly meetings may be needed to keep MCGP on track.

Chair Matt Tuohy reminded the Advisory Board that there are two years left of the Mandatory Compliance Grant Program. Vice Chair Matchet commented that he wants to try to keep track of the estimated costs of these large projects. Chair Matt Tuohy said they will not have a total until all the projects have gone out to bid. Ms. Nasrallah replied that she and Mr. Wheeler will come together and work on something that will provide the Advisory Board with estimated costs.

Chair M. Tuohy opened the floor for public comments. There were no speakers.

***A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER RAMSEY SALEM AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER MONTY SELIM RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF RAISING THE THRESHOLD FROM \$250,000 TO \$500,000 FOR MCGP PROJECTS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 6-0-0.***

**CONSIDERATION OF THE RENEW ARLINGTON ADVISORY BOARD POSITION PAPER ON THE ARLINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN BUILDING FOR LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION**

Ms. Nasrallah stated the property located at 930 North University Boulevard is being considered as a possible historic landmark. The Advisory Board has an opportunity to opine on the issue because the designation is directly tied to a rezoning application. The consideration by the Advisory Board is to determine if the application is compliant with the RA Redevelopment Plan and the RA Zoning Overlay.

If the Advisory Board decides to provide a position paper on the designation, the OGC recommends it to be in the form of a memorandum like the ones provided for the Planning & Development Director on zoning applications. From there, it would go to Arimus Wells, City Planner Supervisor who staffs the Historic Preservation Commission in the form of a memorandum detailing the recommendation.

Vice Chair Matchett stated a report issued by the Planning and Development Department states that the applicant has met four of the seven criteria and he recommends the property to be a City of Jacksonville landmark. Chair Matt Touhy asked if they recommend support of the designation does it need to become part of the package to the Agency Board. Ms. Nasrallah reported that the Advisory Board recommendation would travel with the package going through the city process. Ms. Nasrallah reported that she will add recommendation to the Agency Board Agency as New Business

to make the members aware of your position, but they will not act on it. The Agency Board will act on it during the City Council process when wearing their Council hats.

Chair M. Tuohy opened the floor for public comments. There were no speakers.

***A MOTION WAS MADE BY THE ADVISORY BOARD VICE CHAIR S. MATCHETT AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DEEDEE HARPER RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING THE ARLINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN BUILDING AS A HISTORICAL LANDMARK. THE MOTION PASSED 5-1-0 (ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ONASANYA VOTED IN OPPOSITION OF THE MOTION).***

### **III. GENERAL INFORMATION**

No general information was discussed.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Nasrallah announced that the Office of Economic Development will be expanding and moving to a new location on the second floor. This includes a large new conference room for future Advisory Board meetings.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair M. Tuohy adjourned the RA/CRA Advisory Board Meeting at approximately 4:21 p.m.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments of this meeting, an audio file of the meeting is available in its entirety and is available upon request. Please contact Karen Nasrallah at (904) 255-5449, or by email at [karenn@coj.net](mailto:karenn@coj.net).