



**RENEW ARLINGTON CRA (RA/CRA) ADVISORY BOARD
HYBRID VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING- 117 WEST DUVAL
STREET, MEZZANINE FLOOR, PERS-EXAM ROOM 1, JACKSONVILLE,
FL 32202**

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2021 – 3:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Location: Due to COVID-19, the RA/CRA Advisory Board meeting was held as a hybrid meeting. RA/CRA Advisory Board Members met in person at City Hall, 117 W Duval Street, Mezzanine Floor, Pers-Exam-Room-1, Jacksonville, FL 32202. The public was welcomed via ZOOM.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Members In-Person: Advisory Board Chair Matt Tuohy, Stephen Matchett, Raj Adhikari, Dee Dee Harper, Monty Selim, Randy Goodwin

RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Participating Via ZOOM: N/A

RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Absent: Bandele Onasayna, Danyuell Newkirk

Staff Present: Kirk Wendland, OED Executive Director; Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment Manager; Brian Wheeler; OED Staff and Angie Slayton, Recording Secretary

Representing the Office of General Counsel: Susan Grandin

Representing City Council: Councilwoman J. Morgan, Councilman R. Salem

Others Present: Nikki Evans, Exec Council Assistant; Chet Aikens, Exec Council Assistant; Eddi Parsons; and Alberta Hipps

I. CALL TO ORDER

An in-person quorum was confirmed, and Chair M. Tuohy called the Renew Arlington CRA (RA/CRA) Advisory Board meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2020 RENEW ARLINGTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (RA/CRA) ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED APPROVING THE OCTOBER 14, 2020 RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2020 RENEW ARLINGTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (RA/CRA) ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED APPROVING THE DECEMBER 2, 2020 RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ARLINGTON ROAD RESTRIPIING PROJECT

Mr. Brian Wheeler, OED Staff, gave a presentation on the Arlington Road Restriping project. Included in the restriping program is painting the bike lanes a continuous green on Arlington Road to improve pedestrian safety. The restriping program includes on street parking, raised medians, dedicated bike lanes and crosswalks. This would be completed without changing the distance of roadway between the existing curbs.

- There is the potential in this proposal to add 90 on-street parking spaces. The cost of adding on-street parking in place of a parking lot is considerably lower.
- With Complete Streets, medians will be raised and landscaped.
- Every other block would have a left turn lane in place of a continuous turn lane.
- Coordination with JTA on bus stops.
- The project could also connect with the Core 2 Coast Loop as it takes shape in the future.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Member Matchett asked for explanation of markings on the eastern boundary of Arlington Road.

Mr. Wheeler replied on the eastern boundary it will run to Cesery Blvd then have around a 600 foot section east of Cesery Blvd there will be a through lane and one lane will be a transition into a right turn only lane. East of Cesery will be part of a Phase II project.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Member Matchett asked if the intersection at University Blvd. and Arlington Road would have a pedestrian crossing change?

Mr. Wheeler replied DOT has the same design in the new plan as what is currently in place. FDOT does not propose a change at that crossing. We would have to meet with someone at FDOT to propose any change.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Member Matchett asked if people would adhere to the painting in median and to continue to use as suicide lanes or does he think they will follow the patterns?

Mr. Wheeler stated that if they continued to use as continual turn lanes then they would be doing it unlawfully. There would need to be some enforcement when first installed.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Member Selim asked why was the bike lane at the intersection of University Blvd. and Arlington Road, changed to the other side of the road?

Mr. Wheeler replied changing the design in this manner made the project more cost and time efficient. DOT has changed the pedestrian lanes and adjusting the bike lane to match was a better choice.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Member Selim had concerns regarding the directionals as they pertain to the bike lanes. He asked for some clarification, which Mr. Wheeler provided.

Councilwoman J. Morgan stated that at her recent Townhall meeting, some of the residents stated that the colorful striping on the roadways could be considered blight. Councilwoman J. Morgan asked Mr. Wheeler if he could reference an area where this had already been completed and how it is helping.

Mr. Wheeler replied this type of design has been installed all over the country. Mr. Wheeler stated that by using this design, it will reduce the amount of traffic congestion and improve the safety of the area as well as provide the merchants with parking.

Chair M. Tuohy asked for the total estimated cost of this project.

Mr. Wheeler reviewed the cost estimates provided to the Advisory Board. There was discussion regarding the cost of striping and the cost of striping with repaving the road before the striping would be applied. Many of the Members had questions regarding future paving schedules and the last time Arlington Road was paved.

After much discussion among Renew Arlington Advisory Board Members and OED Staff, it was decided that more information was needed before the Advisory Board could make a decision to approve or deny support for this project.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO RE-ELECT CHAIR MATT TUOHY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021. THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS, MATT TUOHY WILL REMAIN THE RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021. APPROVED 5-0

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO RE-ELECT VICE-CHAIR STEPHEN MATCHETT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021. THERE BEING NO ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS, STEPHEN MATCHETT WILL REMAIN THE RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD VICE-CHAIR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021. APPROVED 5-0

CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Ms. S. Grandin, OGC, reviewed the proposed updated Bylaws. The updates would include:

- Once a physical, in-person quorum (five people) has been met, remaining Advisory Board Members may attend via ZOOM in the case of extraordinary circumstances.
- Extraordinary circumstances include:
 - Emergency Family Matters
 - Out of Town
 - Medical Concerns
- Workshops may be held virtually
- Advisory Board Members will notify an OED Staff Member of a planned absence.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BYLAWS WITH RIVISIONS AS DISCUSSED. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, MOTION WAS APPROVED 6-0.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

Councilwoman J. Morgan stated that a dedication at Bruce Park in Memory of the child that passed away last year at the park. Several updates and safety features have been added to park. The dedication will be on Friday, February 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair M. Tuohy adjourned the RA/CRA Advisory Board Meeting at approximately 4:37 p.m.

The next scheduled RA/CRA Advisory Board Meeting will be held on March 10, 2021 beginning at 3:30 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.