



**RENEW ARLINGTON CRA ADVISORY BOARD
HYBRID VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON MEETING
CITY HALL, 117 WEST DUVAL STREET
MEZZANINE LEVEL, EXAM ROOM 1
WEDNESDAY, August 11, 2021 – 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, 3rd Floor, Conference Room 3C.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Present: Advisory Board Chair Matt Tuohy, Advisory Board Members Stephen Matchett, Randy Goodwin, DeDee Harper, Danyuell Newkirk, Onasanya, Ramsey Salem and Monty Selim.

RA/CRA Advisory Board Members Not Present: Advisory Board Member Raj Adhikari

Staff Present: Kirk Wendland, OED Executive Director; Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment OED Staff and Michelle Stephens, Recording Secretary

Representing the Office of General Counsel: Susan Grandin

Representing City Council: Chet Aikens on behalf of Councilwoman J. Morgan

Zoom Participants: Connie Quinto, Planning Department and LaVonia and Aaron Gipson, applicants for Rezoning Application 2021-0434.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was confirmed and Renew Arlington CRA Advisory Board Chair M. Tuohy called the meeting to order at approximately 3:33 p.m.

Chair Tuohy mentioned the recent passing of Mike Anania who was an active advocate for the Renew Arlington area and contributed in a big way as the Advisory Board went through the process of the Renew Arlington Zoning Overlay, his participation made the process and the product better for being there. He expressed condolences to the Annina family.

II. ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 26, 2021 RENEW ARLINGTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (RA/CRA) ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED APPROVING THE MAY 26, 2021 RENEW ARLINGTON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF REZONING APPLICATION 2021-0434

Chair Tuohy asked LaVonia and Aaron Gipson, applicants for Rezoning Application 2021-0434 if they wanted to make any comments and they declined.

Ms. Connie Quinto with the Planning and Development Department briefly reviewed the staff report. The property is approximately .19 acres and is located at 7435 Merrill Road. The applicant is requesting a rezoning and reclassification of the property going from PUD, Planned Unit Development District to CO, Commercial Office District. She noted that the applicants are the property owners and the hair salon.

Chair Tuohy commented that his understanding was that the property was changed to PUD at some point in the past and was never fully executed, so the request is to bring it back to its original CO to comply and allowing the applicants to move forward with their Mandatory Compliance Grant issue.

Advisory Board Member R. Ramsey asked that when a PUD is granted if there was someone who is responsible for going out to ensure that the PUD was done correctly.

Ms. Quinto responded that the PUD was done in 2007 and at that time there was not a compliance process in place to go back noting that they do have a process in place now, but she is not certain when it started. She advised that when the property went from CO to PUD the applicant was only asking for cosmetology to be added as an allowed use because back in 2007, cosmetology was not an allowed use. The PUD was asking for the site plan provided by the applicant that was never executed, but they were granted the cosmetology use.

Advisory Board Member Salem commented that under CO, cosmetology is allowed, but in 2007 it was not. Ms. Quinto agreed.

Chair Touhy opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments from the public.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED APPROVING REZONING APPLICATION 2021-0434. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

Chair Tuohy congratulated Ms. Quinto on her recent promotion.

It was noted that Advisory Board Members Raj Adhikari, Dee Dee Harper and Danyuell Newkirk arrived after the approval of the motion for Rezoning Application 2021-0434.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

There was no General Information.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Wendland advised that the RA/CRA Agency Board met on Tuesday, 08/10/2021 and approved the Advisory Board's recommendations from their 05/26/2011 Advisory Board meeting.

Ms. Nasrallah added that they approved the two Mandatory Compliance Grant applications for American Plumbing and College Park as well as the Tax Increment District Infrastructure Development Grant for College Park. Ms. Nasrallah referred the Advisory Board Members to a Façade Grant Summary and Tracking sheet for the RA CRA Mandatory Compliance Grant Program as of August 5, 2021.

Ms. Nasrallah noted that the last document in the package was the Renew Arlington FY 2020/2021 Annual CRA Schedule for the time frame June 1, noting that the schedules are due to City Council on July 1st of every year.

Ms. Nasrallah following up to an inquiry at the last meeting from Advisory Board Matchett regarding the Arlington Road Restriping Project. The project has gone through the Procurement process and they are doing a study now. She noted that when the Advisory Board makes funding recommendations to the Agency Board, there is a process from there. Once we get these things started it's a year or two. They take a while to be implemented once the funding is approved because it also has to go through the Public Works process.

Advisory Board Member Matchett asked about the quarterly report that was being provided by Code Compliance. Ms. Nasrallah

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 3:45 p.m.

The next scheduled RA/CRA Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 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.