

MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)
FOR THE DOWNTOWN TARPON SPRINGS REDEVELOPMENT AREA
MARCH 21, 2017

THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, MET IN THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017 AT 6:36 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS
TOWNSEND TARAPANI
DAVID BANTHER
REA SIEBER
SUSAN SLATTERY

MAYOR/CHAIR
VICE MAYOR/VICE CHAIR
COMMISSIONER/MEMBER
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ALSO PRESENT:

MARK LeCOURIS
JAY DAIGNEAULT
IRENE S. JACOBS

CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Alahouzos called the meeting to order at 9:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Jacobs called the roll.

1. MINUTES:
A. NOVEMBER 15, 2016
B. JANUARY 10, 2017

MOTION: COMMISSIONER BANTHER
SECOND: COMMISSIONER SIEBER

To approve minutes of November 15, 2016 and
January 10, 2017.

Chair Alahouzos asked for Board or public comments and there were none.

Vote on Motion – Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously as follows:

Member Slattery	Yes
Member Sieber	Yes
Member Banther	Yes
Vice Chair Tarapani	Yes
Chair Alahouzos	Yes

2. CRA ANNUAL REPORT

Karen Lemmons, Economic Development Director, gave a power point presentation on the 2016 Annual CRA report.

Mayor Alahouzos thanked Mrs. Lemmons for the presentation and for her hard work. He would like to see efforts expanded to North and South Safford Streets and North and South Pinellas Avenue. He suggested development strategy for large businesses to bring jobs, possibly the Old Winn Dixie and Dollar store locations.

Vice Mayor Tarapani expressed his gratitude and agreed with Mayor that efforts needed to be expanded to Safford Street and Pinellas Avenue. Commissioner Sieber appreciates all revitalization downtown and felt that facade and restaurant grants helped considerably. Commissioner Banther and Commissioner Slattery thanked Mrs. Lemmons for an amazing job.

Mayor Alahouzos asked for public comments and there were none.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

VICE MAYOR TARAPANI: City Manager LeCouris thanked Vice Mayor Tarapani for his service for the last six years. He then advised the Board on upcoming projects that were the foresight of Vice Mayor Tarapani that will be coming forth soon. Commissioner Sieber said that she enjoyed working with and getting to know Vice Mayor Tarapani.

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY GRADUATION: City Clerk Jacobs reminded all that the Citizen's Academy Graduation was tomorrow evening and the new one would be starting in August.

BRIDGE: Commissioner Banther asked for an update on the Bridge by the Yacht Club from the County. Mayor Alahouzos advised that he would be meeting with the County on this next week.

CONDOLENCES: Commissioner Slattery said that Margo Hoffman, a former employee was laid to rest today, and gave condolences to the family. She thanked the City Manager for allowing employees attend. She said that it was a beautiful service with and out pour of employees and people in the community. The Board extended their condolences to her family.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, March 24th - Movies at Craig Park hosted by the T.S. Recreation Dept. (free event) from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 25th – Hook Kids on Fishing hosted by T.S. Recreation Dept. at Craig Park from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 25th – Night in the Islands at the Sponge Docks from 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 26th – Spring clean-up (Sanitation Customers Only) have all items to the curb by 7:00 a.m. to insure pick up.

Saturday, April 1st & Sunday, April 2nd – Sponge Docks Arts & Crafts Festival from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Commissioner-elect Jacob Karr for his election. I look forward to working with him and the board for the betterment of the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

CHRIS ALAHOZOS
CHAIR

ATTEST:

IRENE S. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

CITY CLERK'S NOTE: This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the recordings are kept on file in the City Clerk's Office for the required retention period.