

MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)
FOR THE DOWNTOWN TARPON SPRINGS REDEVELOPMENT AREA
AUGUST 15, 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, AUGUST 15, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS
DAVID BANTHER
REA SIEBER
SUSAN MICCIO-KIKTA
JACOB KARR

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 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Jacobs called the roll.

1. UPDATE ON ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE TARPON AVENUE HOTEL PROPERTY

City Manager LeCouris updated the Board on this item. He said there was one last attempt to end negotiations and reach a good outcome. This would be through a mediation that would be held on September 18, 2017, and would be brought back to the CRA Board on the first or second meeting of October, 2017.

Mayor Alahouzos looked forward to finding a resolution. Vice Mayor Banther hopes that an agreement could be met during mediation on a price that would be affordable. He asked the residents to continue to be patience on this issue. Commissioner Sieber was concerned on the cost already spent for an eminent domain Attorney, and looked forward for an outcome. Commissioner Karr inquired if a cap on the eminent domain Attorney could be placed, and City Manager LeCouris said it was hard to put a limit on mediation; however, assured the Board that he along with Attorney Daigneault would be present in case proceedings needed to be halted.

Public Comments:

Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, former Commissioner, felt that this was ridiculous and did not feel enough information was given in the backup to the residents. He said that by going through the CRA, the CRA was not bound by the charter to go to referendum. Mr. Dalacos felt that this money along with a grant could purchase the Walmart property which has more acreage.

Jack Spirk, 2008 Golfview Drive, was opposed to creating a park on the hotel property and using CRA funds for the purchase.

Jim Kolianos, 1406 Circle Drive, former Commissioner, said that he did not hear anyone say that this property should be purchased for the health and safety of residents. He reminded the Board that they were elected by the people and the right thing to do was to by the property and move forward.

Cyndi Tarapani, 22 N. Spring Boulevard, echoed what Mr. Kolianos said. She said that the mediation was just another step of the process and encouraged the Board to move forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS
CHAIR

ATTEST:

IRENE S. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

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