

CHAIRPERSON
GAY SPEIGHTS

VICE CHAIR
ANTONIO BELLAMY

BOARD MEMBER
CARRIE BAKER



BOARD MEMBERS

BOB SCHULTZ

JOHN CANNON

MICHAEL LOVCHUCK

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public is invited to attend.

CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 – 3:00 PM

Lynn Haven Senior Activity Center, 905 Pennsylvania Ave., Lynn Haven, FL 32444

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Public Commentary
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2023.
4. Update on current CRA projects.
5. Adjourn.

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CRA ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 21, 2023, 3:00 PM

Location: Lynn Haven Garden Club
307 Ohio Ave., Lynn Haven, FL 32444

TOPIC No.1. Meeting Called to Order by: Antonio Bellamy at 3:03 PM

Present Board Members: Carrie Baker, Antonio Bellamy, John Cannon, Gay Speights, Bob Schultz,

Absent Board Members: Michael Lovchuck

Staff: Bernd "Ben" Janke, CRA Director

Public Audience: Richard Walker, Andy Biondo, Joe Brown, Joe Heath

Ben Janke briefed the Board that we have a chairman vacancy since Joe Brown's second Board membership term was never approved. Gay Speights entertained a motion to add the "election of a new chairperson" to the agenda under item number 5a. Carrie Baker second the motion. Approved unanimously.

TOPIC No.2: Public Commentary: Richard Walker talked to the Board about the renovation efforts of the McMullin Library. Mr. Walker agreed to provide more detailed renovation expense information to the Board at the next meeting for further consideration.

TOPIC No.3: Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2023: Carrie Baker entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Gay Speights second the motion. Approved unanimously.

TOPIC No.4: discussion and possible recommendation to the CRA Board regarding the Masonic Lodge renovation funding request: Mr. Janke mentioned that this item was presented and discussed at the previous CRA Board meeting. The Board decided to ask the Advisory Board for a recommendation. The Advisory Board asked Mr. Heath questions about the project and the organization. Mr. Heath and Mr. Walker answered these questions on behalf of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Heath agreed to provide more specific project information to the Board at one of the future Advisory Board meetings. Ms. Carrie Baker entertained a motion to table this item. Ms. Gay Speights second the motion. Approved unanimously.

TOPIC No.5: adding new projects to CRA project list: Ben Janke asked the Board to add the following projects to the list of CRA projects for this fiscal year: Decorative banners \$10,000; concrete canvas \$120,000. Ms. Gay Speights entertained a motion to add these projects to the CRA list. John Cannon second the motion. Approved unanimously.

TOPIC No.5a: election of new chairperson: Ms. Carrie Baker entertained a motion to nominate Gay Speights to be chairwoman of this Board for two years. Bob Schultz second the motion. Approved unanimously.

TOPIC No.6: Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

CRA PROJECTS FY 2022/2023 - ORIGINAL BUDGET - status update

CRA VISION

To promote a family-oriented, walkable community with a vibrant small-business friendly downtown area that preserves our local, small-town heritage.

5/17/2023

SECTION	PROJECT	CRA PLAN	ACCOUNT # 701-559-	BUDGET	Comments
Administration	extend CRA life span			\$ 4,000	<i>CM is talking to the County</i>
Town Center	Storefront Assistance Program	47	582050-21012	\$ 55,000	<i>o apps received so far</i>
Town Center	install historic markers on Rails To Trails site			\$ 15,000	<i>on standby</i>
Town Center	support Florida Ave. improvements			\$ 40,000	<i>ordered three benches</i>
Housing	Residential Incentive Program	49	582050-21013	\$ 40,000	<i>eight approved, one pending</i>
Housing	Residential Paint Program	49	582050-21014	\$ 5,000	<i>one project completed; working with world changers on more</i>
Recreation	equipment for Pocket Park 17th St. / RailsToTrails	50		\$ 40,000	<i>ordered furniture, install irrigation and sod</i>
Recreation	update picnic tables, trash cans, and lighting at Porter Park			\$ 30,000	<i>preparing purchase order</i>
Transportation	sidewalk on 3rd St., East 17th St.			\$ 330,000	<i>hired contractor</i>
Transportation	Rails to Trails add on items (benches, shelter, lights)			\$ 50,000	<i>ordered items</i>
Transportation	sidewalk on Minnesota Ave. (390 to 17th)			\$ 205,000	<i>hired engineer</i>
Transportation	tag reader annual lease			\$ 10,000	<i>approved by CRA Board, ordered services</i>
TOTAL			\$ -	\$ 889,750	