

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 – 3:30 PM**  
**TEAMS MEETING ONLINE**

*If you would like to attend the online meeting, please email the CRA Director at [bjanke@cityoflynnhaven.com](mailto:bjanke@cityoflynnhaven.com) for details.*

### 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. Discussion of the project list for the upcoming fiscal year FY 23/24.
6. Discussion of proposed Board meeting schedule.
7. 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

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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 2023/2024 - ORIGINAL BUDGET

<b>CRA VISION</b>	<i>To promote a family-oriented, walkable community with a vibrant small-business friendly downtown area that preserves our local, small-town heritage.</i>
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8/25/2023

SECTION	PROJECT	CRA PLAN	ACCOUNT # 701-559-	BUDGET	Comments
Administration	extend CRA life span		5310-81	\$ 5,000	
Town Center	Storefront Assistance Program	47	582050-21012	\$ 50,000	
Town Center	install historic markers on Rails To Trails site			\$ 15,000	
Town Center	support Florida Ave. improvements			\$ 40,000	
Housing	Residential Incentive Program	49	582050-21013	\$ 50,000	
Housing	Residential Paint Program	49	582050-21014	\$ 5,000	
Recreation	equipment for Pocket Park 17th St.	50		\$ 40,000	
Recreation	Rails To Trails (trail lights)			\$ 100,000	
Recreation	Memorial Park improvements			\$ 50,000	
Transportation	sidewalk project East 15th St. (Penn. to Minn. Ave.)		5630-00-xxxxx	\$ 100,000	
Transportation	sidewalk project West 16th St. (Ohio to FL Ave.)			\$ 40,000	
Transportation	sidewalk project West 7th St. (FL to Tenn. Ave.)			\$ 130,000	
Transportation	sidewalk project Illinois Ave. (12th to 9th)			\$ 150,000	
Transportation	tag reader annual lease		5820-02	\$ 12,500	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 853,250</b>	