

**CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Monday, September 27, 2021**

Chair John Walsh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Sawgrass Room, City Hall, 9500 West Sample Road, Coral Springs, Florida. Kristi Bartlett called the roll of the Board Members.

John Walsh, Chair	Present
Germain Bebe	Present
Lorna Brown-Burton	Joined at 5:44PM
Andrew Kasten, Vice Chair	Present
Mike Del Pozo	Present
William Vasquez	Present
Real Estate Seat	Vacant

Also in attendance:

Kristi Bartlett, Director, Econ. Development  
 Diana M. Scarpetta, ED Coordinator  
 Yuu Soubra, ED Coordinator  
 Ginger Wald, CRA Counsel  
 Melissa Heller, Deputy City Manager  
 Commissioner Nancy Metayer  
 Rod Sheldon, Cornerstone  
 Michael Kenney, Cornerstone  
 Scott Bachman, Cornerstone  
 George Rahael  
 Robert Fogel  
 Joe Morera  
 Leon Fooksman, Tap into Coral Springs

A moment of silence was held.

All persons in attendance rose for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Citizens' Comments:**

- Robert Fogel (10991 NW 12 Drive, Coral Springs, FL) interested in learning about how tax dollars are spent.

**2. Special Announcements and Comments:** No special announcements or comments.

**3. Approval of Meeting Summary:**

- August 23, 2021

**Action:** Board member Vasquez moved, seconded by Board member Kasten, to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

#### **4. Monthly Budget Update**

- Director Bartlett mentioned there were no major changes during the last month.

#### **5. Festival of the Arts Funding Request: Discussion and Action**

- Director Bartlett mentioned that the Coral Springs CRA supports this event every year. Unfortunately and due to Covid-19 the event was cancelled in FY20 and FY21. The CRA's financial support rolled over for FY22. However, since the event was cancelled after some expenditures were incurred, they were unable to recover monies already spent. The Festival of the Arts is requesting an additional \$1,000 for FY22. Further, CRA Counsel Wald has recommended to enter into an agreement to ensure that the financial support provided to the Festival of the Arts is expended according to the CRA Master Plan.

**Action:** Board member Del Pozo moved, seconded by Board member Bebe, to approve the payment of \$1,000 to The Festival of the Arts for the event to be held on 2022. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

#### **6. Ratification of Artistic Holiday Designs Agreement**

- Director Bartlett shared an image of the interactive signature piece purchased by the CRA for the Holiday décor. Agreement was signed by Vice Chair Kasten due to timing in the ordering process of the piece. Agreement is to be ratified by the Board. The piece will be installed on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Action:** Vice Chair Kasten moved, seconded by Board member Vasquez, to ratify the agreement between the CRA and Artistic Holiday Designs for purchase of the interactive signature piece. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

#### **7. Commercial Enhancement Matching Grant Extension: Request to Approve**

- Director Bartlett mentioned that Belle Terre Plaza is requesting an extension to their grant agreement as there have been delays with the supplies for the project. The extension would be for three months and the new deadline to complete the project will be December 29, 2021. Ms. Bartlett reminded the Board that the grant amount is for \$21,000.

**Action:** Vice Chair Kasten moved, seconded by Board member Vasquez, to approve the extension to the grant agreement to Belle Terre Condo Association. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

## **8. Commercial Enhancement Matching Grant Amendment: Request to Approve**

- Director Bartlett shared with the Board that this is a revision to a previously approved grant. The cost of materials went up and they added in two additional items. The new request is for \$15,974.39 up from \$14,103.89. Funds are available in the CRA grant account.

**Action:** Board Member Bebe moved, seconded by Vice Chair Kasten, to approve the grant modification for 9720 Sample LLC. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

## **9. 2021-2022 Meeting Dates**

- Director Bartlett went over the proposed meeting dates.

**Action:** Vice Chair Kasten moved, seconded by Board member Vasquez, to approve the FY 2021-2022 meeting dates as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

## **10. Board Member Terms**

- Four members have terms expiring on February 19, 2022. Advertisements for those positions will be posted in October. Members that wish to reapply may do so online.

## **11. Cornerstone Presentation: Scott Backman and Rod Sheldon**

- Rod Sheldon and Scott Bachman presented to the Board the modifications to the project and the requested amendments to the Developer Agreement. The South Block of the project is under construction, hotel component going through permitting and once completed the construction of the retail component will commence. The North Block site plan and architectural design are being amended to replace general office space with Medical Office Building on northeast side, and residential condominium building on southeast side. Entertainment venue has been always identified but there is not market for it at this moment. Development Agreement will need to be updated to reflect the presented modifications to the project. Project will be completed in phases. TIF rebate will be deposited into a CRA escrow account as each phase is completed and has received a Certificate of Occupancy. Rebate will not be paid to the Developer until the entire project is completed and all requirements are met.

## 12. Downtown Redevelopment Update

- **Cornerstone:** Director Bartlett shared some professional images of the construction site that show the progress of the project.

## 13. Other Business

- **Yappy Hour Volunteers:** Event will take place on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00PM to 7:30 PM. There will be a dog photo booth, food vendors, bar, and activities for kids. Volunteers for the CRA tent are needed and Director Bartlett will send a sign in sheet to Board members. This event is the kickoff event for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Savor the Springs.
- Director Bartlett mentioned that she made a presentation to the City Commission about a new initiative called work-based learning. The purpose of the initiative is to provide a work experience to students about different career paths.
- Director Bartlett shared with the Board a new flyer printed to market the CRA Commercial Enhancement Grant program.
- Next meeting will be Monday, October 25, 2021.

## 14. Adjournment

- There being no additional business, a motion moved by Board member Brown-Burton, seconded by Board member Kasten, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

11/29/2021  
DATE APPROVED/ACCEPTED

  
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JOHN M. WALSH, J.D., BOARD CHAIRPERSON  
CRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

  
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KRISTI BARTLETT, CEcD  
DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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