

MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes January 26, 2023 – 2:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marcus Herman, Chairman
Wendy Ellis
Andy Barber
Nicole Morgan
Jack Smink
Jack Ratterman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Eddie Lebron, Vice-Chairman

AGENCY STAFF

Larry Lallo, MIRA Executive Director
Stefani Maduskuie, Community Redevelopment Manager
Cheryl Hurren, Exec. Assistant/Clerk
Justin Caron, County Attorney's Office

GUESTS

Dean Schaaf, Veterans
Susan Smith, District 2
Mike Dunlap, Facilities Dept.
Dwayne Watson, Watson Real Estate
Leslie Sims, CAMI

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m; Ms. Hurren took roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

I. Consent: (action item)

- A. Approval of December 8, 2022 Minutes.
- B. Project Updates and Status Report.

Project Status Updates: Executive Director pulled the Amphitheatre item from the Agenda for detailed report provided by Mike Dunlap of the Brevard County Facilities Department.

Board Member Barber made a motion to approve the Consent Items. The motion was seconded by Board Member Ellis. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Development Presentations: NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Transit Shelter Maintenance Contract – Director Lallo said 2 quotes were received; 1 was from the current contractor and the other was a contractor that submitted last year. Staff will open the quotes, review, rank and hopefully award a contract.

Board Member Barber made a motion for the staff to proceed and enter into contract with the selected contractor, subject to award, not exceeding limits of authority in this case for a County Director. The motion was seconded by Board Member Ellis. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Board Member Search – The Board authorized Executive Director Lallo to prepare a Board Member application packet. Marcus Herman Suggested Community Redevelopment Manager Maduskuie put it out on our social media. Applications will be reviewed, and selected for short presentation and interview, until an applicant is recommended for approval to the Brevard Board of County Commissioners by Commissioner Tom Goodson.

IV. Ongoing/Old Business

A. MIRA Planning and Development Review – It was decided Director Lallo and Community Redevelopment Manager Maduskuie meet with the Planning and Development Staff to discuss instances where codes, site plans or zoning requests for certain projects such as self-storage; automotive sales; and boat retail sales, were approved or why, and how we can improve communications and understanding of process, for all involved, including MIRA staff. Board had a discussion.

B. BU-1-BU2 PUD Zoning Criteria Modification – The Board confirmed Community Redevelopment Manager Maduskuie and Executive Director are to continue to move forward to work with County Planning and Zoning towards creation of code changes to accommodate PUD Zoning changes, as discussed at the former meetings and workshops.

V. Board Reports and Presentations:

Marcus Herman, Chairman: No Report

Eddie Lebron, Vice-Chairman: Absent

Andy Barber: Inquired about Sutton Property and the Kim McCann research; stated nothing moving forward at this time with the Crab Shack property and the channel markers are needed but that's up to Matt Culver.

Wendy Ellis: Apology to Board and Staff.

Nicole Morgan: Showed the picture choices for the Tom Vani Plaque.

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Jack Smink: No Report.

Jack Ratterman: Spoke to several concerns; Historical Society Board will continue.

Director Lallo: No Report

Stephani Maduskuie, Community Redevelopment Manager: No Report.

Justin Caron, Assistant County Attorney: No Report.

Director Lallo thanked Jack Ratterman and Marcus Herman for their work in assisting with our getting the work underway for the 51 damaged trees from the hurricane on Sr 520, Courtenay Pkwy, and Veterans Memorial Park.

Other:

Cocoa Manager and Director Lallo are to meet to see how we can work together, and to discuss the Cocoa Merritt Island Mooring Field project.

Reach out to FPL regarding installation of new lines and parking spaces are required with moorings.

MIRA Board approved Community Redevelopment Manager Maduskuie to work on creating an RFP or RFQ for professionals and firms to conduct grant writing for MIRA projects.

Collect 3 top ideas from each Board Member for eliminating slum and blight.

Merritt Island Preservation Committee (Mr. Herman is a member) is to consider incorporating Merritt Island; will need a Feasibility Study. Charter has to be written and submitted to the State by September.

Ms. Ellis said Mary Ann Donner, the Director of Parks and Recreation, advised she is always eager to communicate directly and to solve problem or concerns with her or her staff.

Redevelopment Plan Workshop Meeting reminder on February 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Board Member Ellis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Morgan. The motion was unanimously approved at 3:42 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the MIRA Board of Directors is on February 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.