

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016
ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:30 PM**

The Community Redevelopment Agency met in a special session with the following members and staff present:

Destin Community Redevelopment Agency

Board Chairperson Sandy Trammell
Boardmember Cyron Marler
Boardmember Tuffy Dixon
Boardmember Jim Wood

Boardmember Rodney Braden
Boardmember Prebble Ramswell
Boardmember Jim Foreman

City of Destin Staff

CRA Executive Director Greg Kisela
Public Information Manager Doug Rainer
CRA/Development Manager Steven Schmidt
City Engineer David Campbell
Parks/Recreation Director Lance Johnson
HR Manager Karen Jankowski
City Attorney Jerry Miller

City Clerk Rey Bailey
Finance Director Bragg Farmer
IT Manager Webb Warren
Planner Hank Woollard
Planning Manager Ashley Grana
Land Use Attorney Scott Shirley

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CRA Board Chairperson Sandy Trammell called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Request approval of minutes of January 4, 2016 CRA Board Meeting

Motion by Boardmember Wood, seconded by Boardmember Marler, to approve minutes of the January 4, 2016 CRA Board meeting passed 7-0 (Board members Trammell, Wood, Marler, Foreman, Dixon, Ramswell and Braden voted "yes").

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON CRA BOARD PROPOSITIONS

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Presentation and Transmittal of Fiscal Year 2015 CRA Annual Financial Reports

The CRA Executive Director explained this is a statutory annual reporting requirement for the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The report includes a complete financial statement setting forth assets, liabilities, income, and operating expenses as of the end of the fiscal year 2015 for both the Town Center CRA and the Harbor CRA.

Boardmember Wood moved to:

- **Accept the FY 2015 Destin CRA Financial Reports**
- **Direct staff to present the FY 2015 Destin CRA Annual Report (with financial report) to the City Council and forward it to the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, and**
- **Publish a notice to the effect that such report has been filed with the City and the County, and that the report is available for inspection during business**

Boardmember Foreman provided a second to the motion, which passes 7-0 (Board members Trammell, Wood, Marler, Foreman, Dixon, Ramswell and Braden voted "yes").

3. Harbor CRA Advisory Committee recommendations

The CRA Executive Director informed the Board the Harbor CRA Advisory Committee made three recommendations for consideration by the CRA Board and the City Council, and that these recommendations will be presented by the Harbor CRA Advisory Committee Chairman Mike Raim.

Chairman Raim presented the following recommendations:

A. The CRA Board recommends to City Council the aggressive pursuit of a medallion or decal program to help identify authorized livery vessels to aid in Code Enforcement inspections for business and parking compliance.

Boardmember Wood stated they seemed to have tried something similar to the medallion program before and found it to be onerous and hard to enforce.

According to the Executive Director, his understanding from his conversation with Code Enforcement was they had something similar either in the late 90's or early 2000. They said it was difficult because pontoon boats and jet skis are constantly being moved in and out of service; but, they did track through the business tax receipt the number of pontoons, wave runners and personal watercrafts each site has and then calibrate that as it relates to parking issues.

Boardmember Ramswell asked how this program is enforced; and whether the goal at some point is to have a harbor master who will then be in charge of reporting.

Chairman Raim stated the committee feels they are the steward of this process. They also realize there is not enough staff to enforce or follow up on this program; adding if one sees a lot of boats that are not labeled they could report that to the City or directly to Code Enforcement.

Boardmember Foreman asked if there is an ordinance already in place that includes this provision.

The Executive Director stated they have to look at the applicable portion of the code to see if there is an existing ordinance or determine which part of the code to insert this provision.

B. The CRA Board asks the City Council to direct staff to create an ordinance to ensure out-of-service vessels in the harbor district are on movable DOT-approved trailers and are not allowed to impact the businesses' required parking.

Boardmember Ramswell stated that she sees a good comparison here with what they adopted a few months ago in terms of storage and visible trailers and cars; and that she feels it falls in line with a lot of what they are already doing.

Boardmember Wood expressed concern if they do not walk the harbor everyday there is no way to keep up with this program.

Boardmember Foreman wants to make sure the concern was about boats on trailers, which are normally operating boats stored in the harbor district during specific period of time when they are not in service. And if so, he suggests they carefully define that period of time so that they could at least tell the people when it is admissible to do so.

Chairman Raim stated if they ask the number of people the members of the committee had spoken to, they would say it is blight on the appearance of the harbor district with 30 or 40 boats stacked up; adding it is not the appearance they want on the harbor district.

Boardmember Braden wants to know if there are 30 to 40 boats on portable trailers parked in one lot, what happens to the trailers once the boats go into the water.

Boardmember Trammell stated there is already an ordinance in place; adding in their place of business, if there is nothing on the trailer they would be cited by Code Enforcement to have it moved.

C. The CRA Board endorses the reduction of the speed limit in the harbor district to 25-30 mph; whichever is recommended by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

According to the City Engineer, the Community Development Department requested a speed zone study for US Hwy 98 in 2014. The study was conducted in late 2014, and it came back with a recommendation for the speed limit to remain at 35 mph.

Boardmember Dixon asked how Fort Walton Beach was able to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph in their downtown district.

The City Engineer stated he would look into it. He thinks the proximity of the buildings to the roadway and the more urban cross-sections are an indication.

Councilmember Dixon suggests they look into it and do what is necessary to reduce the speed limit on US Hwy 98 in Destin to 25 mph for the safety of people on the crosswalks they are constructing on that road.

Councilmember Marler asked what part of the year the study was conducted.

According to the City Engineer, the result of the study was released in October 2014.

Councilmember Marler stated that the study should have been done early or in the middle of the year when there are a lot more people going over the 35 mph limit. He continued because of the heavy traffic they will get between the Marler Bridge and Benning Drive, it becomes more important to get the speed limit reduced.

The City Engineer stated they would approach FDOT again and also find out how Fort Walton Beach was able to reduce the speed limit on their road to 25 mph.

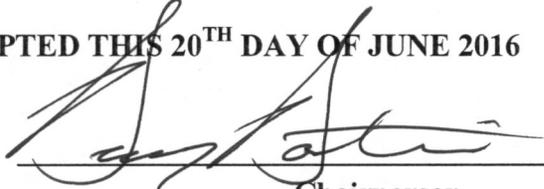
Boardmember Dixon moved to bring forward the three Harbor CRA Advisory Committee recommendations to the City Council; seconded by Boardmember Ramswell. Motion passed 7-0 (Board members Trammell, Wood, Marler, Foreman, Dixon, Ramswell and Braden voted "yes").

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

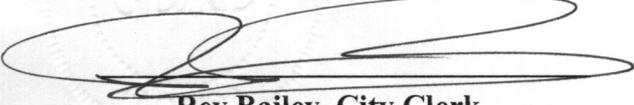
ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE 2016

By:


_____, Chairperson

DEWEY P. DESTIN

ATTEST:


Rey Bailey, City Clerk