

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Dunedin

737 Louden Avenue, 2nd Floor, Planning Conference Room

The regular **meeting** of the CRAAC was called to order at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Officers present: John Freeborn (**CHAIR**), Wendy Barmore (**VICE CHAIR**), and Jen Welch (**SEC**). Members present: Gregory Brady, Patti Coleman, Bob Henion, Dave Wolters, Jim Graham, Rene' Johnson, Dr. Terry Zervous. A quorum was present. Ex-Officio Members: Ralph Shenefeld and Jackie Nigro. Dunedin City Staff present: Robert Ironsmith, Greg Rice, Jeannie Garner, Trevor Davis, Danny Craig, Terry Trudell, Vinnie Luisi.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. There being no corrections, the draft minutes of the 10/10/18 CRAAC Special Meeting were approved as distributed.

II. REPORTS:

a. Chair:

- i. **Continuance of CRA** will be presented at the CRA on January 24, 2019 to request continuance of the Community Redevelopment Agency.
- ii. **Membership term renewals:** Chair John Freeborn announced a proposal for term limits for Dunedin Boards and Committees will be going before the Commission in March. Vice Chair Wendy Barmore and Members Patti Coleman and Sylvia Tzekas are up for reappointment. Wendy and Patti confirmed interest in wanting to be reappointed, Sylvia will be contacted as she was not present at meeting.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

- i. **Special Events:** Ms. Trudell, Parks & Recreation Superintendent, Dunedin Parks & Rec Department presented a review of upcoming Special Events to include 30th CRA Anniversary on 2/16/19 from 9-2 pm, Mardi Gras 3/5/19 and St Patrick's Day 3/16&17, 2019. Ms. Trudell reported that due to proactive communication, logistics for the holiday parade went well. A general discussion took place about road closures during events to include plans to utilize Nickel Ride to transport patrons to downtown businesses during events.
 - ii. **Douglas Elevated Crosswalk:** Jerry Dabkowski, George F Young presented a plan to install an elevated crosswalk on Douglas designed to slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety. Two 3.5-inch-high crosswalks are planned near the Artisan Apartments. Several options exist. Member Gregory Brady made a motion to recommend 2 locations with decorative features and LED lighting to increase safety and eliminate signage. Motion was unanimously supported.
 - iii. **Proposed CRA Code Changes:** Greg Rice, Planning and Development Director presented proposed code changes as a result of visioning to include (1) wider sidewalks to increase and (2) new height and setback criteria. The height and setback criteria are on hold until further review.
 - iv. **Box Car:** Dunedin History Museum Executive Director, Vinnie Luisi presented an update on the enhancements to the Box Car. \$25,000 in improvements are planned. Member Gregory Brady expressed concerns regarding inconsistent operating hours. Mr. Luisi reported that the lease agreement for the improvements will include provisions to address operating hours. Member Patti Coleman made a motion to move forward with the second phase of the enhancements. Motion was unanimously supported.
- b. **Directors Report:**
- i. **CRA Anniversary:** the committee reviewed a video trailer created by Economic Development Specialist Danny Craig. Committee comments were positive, job well done, Danny!
 - ii. **Operation Twinkle:** Gregory's Salon was the winner of the Operation Twinkle light pole contest (43 entries).
 - iii. **Landscaping Update:** proposal was well received, staff is reviewing plans for implementation. Big thank you to the Committee.

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- iv. **Nickel Ride:** new business was approved by Commission. Discussion regarding other businesses in the area (Tiki Ride and golf carts) City attorney is reviewing as these businesses do not have agreements with the City.
 - v. **Wayfinding:** New signs are up. Committee feedback is they look great.
 - vi. **Megacycle:** this new business has been put on hold until after major construction is complete to include Courtyard on Main, April 2109.
 - vii. **Pioneer Park:** Artificial turf and brick pavers still under consideration.
 - viii. **City Hall:** A consultant has been hired to evaluate final site selection.
 - ix. **Skinner Blvd:** Community meetings have gone well, community very supportive of roundabouts. Member Gregory Brady suggested to consider moving entrance to Main Street back to New York Ave to enhance this area and slow traffic.
- c. **Liaisons:**
 - i. **Jackie Nigro, Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee:** announced that City Hall will be a Public Art Project. Also mentioned, landscape and pavers can be a part of public art.
 - ii. **Ralph Shenefelt, Historical Preservation Advisory:** announced that commercial properties have now been added to the Dunedin Inventory of Historical Properties.
 - d. **Additional:**
 - i. Member Wendy Barmore announced details about the first annual Dunedin International Film Festival.
- IV. **ADJOURNED:** 5:25 p.m.
- V. **NEXT MEETING:** CRA 4:30 p.m. January 24, 2019 ay City Hall. CRAAC Meeting 4:15 p.m. March 6, 2019 at 737 Louden Avenue, 2nd Floor, Planning Conference Room. A Special Meeting will be held in February, 2019. Details tba.



By: Jen Welch, SEC.