BAYSHORE/GATEWAY TRIANGLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2014 MEETING

The meeting of the Bayshore/Gateway Triangle Community Redevelopment Advisory Board was called to order by Steve Main 6:00 p.m. at the CRA Office Meeting Room 3570 Bayshore Drive, Unit 102.

I. Roll Call: Present: Advisory Board Members: Larry Ingram, Steve Main, Maurice Gutierrez, Mike Sherman, Shane Shadis, Peter Dvorak, Karen Beatty, Chuck Gunther. CRA Staff Present: Jean Jourdan, Interim Executive Director, Ashley Caserta, Project Manager, and Ekna Guevara, Operations Coordinator.

II. Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Main asked if anyone had any changes. Having heard none he asked for a motion. Motion to approve the agenda made by: Larry Ingram. 2nd by: Shane Shadis. Approved 8-0.

III. Adoption of Minutes: Mr. Main asked for a motion to approve the December 3, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion by: Maurice Gutierrez. 2nd by: Shane Shadis. Approved 8-0.

IV. Calusa Breeze Neighborhood Informational Meeting (Presentation): Jeff Curl, Landscape Architect presented a new proposed building site within the CRA. The project will be on Calusa Avenue and it will consist on a total of 24 new single family homes. Motion to support the project with the request of having the representative come back and give an update as the plan develops made by: Chuck Gunther. 2nd by: Karen Beatty. Approved 8-0.

V. CRA Project Updates.
A. CRA’s 17+ Acre Property: The. Premiere Plus Realty Company was selected to market and sell the CRA’s 17+ acres which has an estimated value of $3,000,000. The Exclusive Right of Sale and Listing Agreement were sent to the County Attorney’s Office for review and forwarding to the Executive Board for execution.

B. Residential Lot Development. There are currently ten (10) new houses under construction within the Bayshore area. Four new houses are proposed to start construction on Van Buren in December.

C. Calusa Breeze: Twenty four homes are proposed for construction within the Gateway area on Calusa Ave.

D. CRA Residential Lots Advertisement: An Offer of $35,000 and Purchase Agreement was executed by the Bidder and is in review by the County Attorney’s Office for forwarding to the CRA Board with a recommendation of approval.
E. FPL Lights on Andrew Drive: FP&L has scheduled the light installation for next week.

F. Cirrus Point n/k/a Solstice: This project will be presented to the BCC for hearing scheduled February 11, 2014 BCC meeting. If approved, it will be go in effect in 30 days. Construction scheduled to commence thereafter.

G. Community Garden: Mr. Jeff S. Curl, ASLA CLARB, President of Emerge Design LLC provided conceptual architectural renderings for the garden to submit as part of the application process to the Zoning Department. The church will be making additions to their building that are not garden related and will submit the community garden concept as part of the site development plan amendment.

H. Grant Application (Fire Suppression Upgrades): The CRA and City of Naples will submit a joint grant application in January.

I. LDC Amendment: Amendments to the Overlay are in process to support more vivid colors and a change to the current Overlay map to expand the GTMXD to north side of Davis Blvd (change color from white to pink).

J. Annual Report and Newsletter: Staff is compiling information for the annual report and newsletter for March presentation to the Board. The newsletter will be mailed to area residents.

VI. MSTU Project Updates:
   A. Landscape Update: Aaron from Ground Zero was present and communicated that they have performed scheduled landscape maintenance and removed the dead palm in front of the CRA office. He also mentioned that it will be cheaper for us to purchase the royal palm rather than take the donated palm as the labor costs for the uprooting of the existing donated palm would be more than the purchase of a new palm.

   B. Bayview and Lunar Update: The contractor, Quality Enterprises, was approved by the CRA Board on November 12, 2013. Staff will hold a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, engineer, CEI and County inspectors on January 21.

   C. Thomasson Drive Update: Staff is currently in negotiation with Atkins once we come to an agreement staff will present to the advisory committee for approval.

Requests for Payments: There were no payments made.

VI. New Business:
   A. Project Manager Reduced Work Hours: Upon approval by the Human Resources Department, Ms. Caserta will reduce her work schedule to a 32 hour work week. Her new schedule will be Monday through Thursday 8am to 4pm.

   B. FY14 Goals and Objectives: Staff advised the members that our annual goals workshop is due soon. After discussing the item the members agreed to hold a workshop after our regular February meeting.
C. Grant Application Karen Avenue: Staff has prepared an application to apply for grant funding in the amount of $154,120.00 through the Collier County Disaster Recovery Initiative Grant program for construction costs. The grant application will request funding to pay for construction and CEI costs in the amount of $154,120. The grant will not pay for the engineering and permitting to be done on the project since there is only a 9 month project time allowance, therefore the design will be done with MSTU funds. The application is due January 20, 2014. Motion to direct staff to submit for the grant application made by: Shane Shadis. 2nd by: Steve Main. Approved 8-0.

D. Grant Application Pineland Avenue: Staff has prepared an application to apply for grant funding in the amount of $56,570.00 through the Collier County Disaster Recovery Initiative Grant program for construction costs. During the design for the previously competed Gateway Triangle Stormwater Project, the design engineer worked from plans prepared for a separate City of Naples project showing work to be done on Pineland Avenue. The proposed work was understood to be part of the City’s work for their water facility at the northeast corner of Pineland and Lois. This work was never done by the city, and was also left out of the CRA’s project. The grant will pay for a CEI professional inspector to monitor construction on a part-time basis. It will also pay for the construction of the project. The application is due January 20, 2014. Motion to direct staff to submit for the grant application made by: Chuck Gunther. 2nd by: Maurice Gutierrez. Approved 8-0.

E. CRA Advisory Board Election of 2014 Officers (vote required): Steve Main was recommended for chairman and Maurice was recommended for vice chairman, motion made by: Karen Beatty. 2nd by: Shane Shadis. Approved 8-0.

VII. Advisory Board General Communications. Maurice mentioned that there has been a lot of criminal activity on his street and is working with law enforcement to try and alleviate the situation.

VIII. Citizen Comments. Ester Spinks requested a walk through meeting with the engineer and staff who worked on the Tertiary Stormwater Project. She also requested a lower lumen light for the streetlight which is right outside her bedroom.

IX. Adjournment: at 7:40pm.

Approved and forwarded by Steve Main, CRA-AB Chairman.