

CRA Regular Board
Quincy City Hall Chambers
Quincy, Florida

Regular Meeting
November 08, 2011
5:00 P.M.

The CRA Regular Board met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 5:10 P.M. Chairman Derrick Elias called the meeting to order.

Present:

Board Members: Larry Edwards and Andy Gay

Also Present:

CRA Manager Charles J. Hayes
CRA Attorney Larry K. White

It was **Motioned and Seconded** to excuse Board Members Angela Sapp and Keith Dowdell. Board Member Edwards made the motion and Board Member Gay seconded the Motion. Votes were Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda:

It was motioned to approve the Agenda for the CRA Regular Board Meeting dated Tuesday, November 08, 2011. Board Member Edwards made the Motion and Board Member Gay seconded the Motion with a question. Board Gay asked will there be a financial report for Oktoberfest 2011 on the agenda. Mr. Hayes stated that he will present the Board with a report. Votes were Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Board Member Gay made the motion to approve the CRA Regular Board minutes dated October 11, 2011 with any necessary corrections. Board Member Edwards seconded the motion. Votes were Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Discussion of TanYard Creek Park:

Mr. Hayes announced that the deadline for TanYard Creek Park has been accomplished with only a few minor adjustments that needed to be worked through with the construction crew. Mr. Hayes noted that the final walk through will be after Thanksgiving and the closeout for the park will be in mid or late December. Board Member Gay asked Mr. Hayes, during this large event did he identify any challenges that they might face during future events and how did the turf stand the heavy flow of traffic. Mr. Hayes replied by stating the turf maintained well for the amount of traffic; challenges that were found was the lack of storage space. Board Member Gay asked what will be the rental price for the amphitheater. Mr. Hayes stated that he has been doing some research on other amphitheaters around the region and rental pricing varies from \$10,000 to \$15,000. **Chairman Elias noted the presence of Board Member Sapp and Dowdell.** Board Member Gay stated the only complaint that was brought to his attention was the loudness of the music. Board Member Sapp apologized for her tardiness, and commended Mr. Hayes and his Staff for a job well done for Oktoberfest 2011. Board Member Sapp stated that she had received a number of rave reviews from the event. Board Member Edwards noted that there was a nice crowd at Oktoberfest 2011; however, had a question on the expenditures of the festival, asking where the funds that was lost come from (\$37,495)? Mr. Hayes stated the Manager along with himself intend to present a plan at the next meeting showing where the remaining funds will come from. Board Member Edwards stated the event was great; however, the city cannot continue to lose funds from giving an event. Board Member Gay stated that he like the concept of the lighting on the road; however, feels like the park could use some lighting in the interior of the park; also Board Member Gay agreed with Board Member Edwards concerning the expenditures of the event. Board Member Dowdell stated that he enjoyed the event, but there were some small adjustments that needed looking into; nonetheless, Mr. Dowdell congratulated Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Alma on a fanatic job; also Board Dowdell

stated his opinion on the event was that was not enough help and suggested hiring some professional people for his next event. Board Member Sapp stated to the Board that she would like to see growth and improvement in Quincy just like her fellow Board Members, and the Concert was a prime example of growth. Board Member Sapp also added that she appreciates how the Board can stay calm and cool in a discussion and this was one the of times that the Board needed to stay calm and move forward. Chairman Elias stated that his concerns are the completion of TanYard Creek Park, putting on the O'Jays Production, and the financing of Oktoberfest 2011. Chairman Elias acknowledged that the figures for Oktoberfest 2011 are alarming. Chairman Elias stated he would like to see a complete breakdown of the Oktoberfest budget. Mr. Hayes stated that he will present the Board with a plan for approval within a week. Board Member Sapp asked if there weren't any In-Kind donations would the City have spent more funds on the items. Mr. Hayes explains to Board Member Sapp stating that if the In-Kind donation was \$40,000- \$40,000 wouldn't have actually been paid into the budget. Board Member Sapp asked how many people were at the event and were there any accidents reported. Mr. Hayes stated that there were approximately 3,200 people at the event with no report accidents. Board Member Sapp stated that it was a blessing to have that many people at a park that wasn't quite finished with no reported accidents. Board Member Dowdell made a comment stating that the Board voted to allow the concert, and once the Board approved a subject, the Board would have accept the vote; regardless if one voted for the subject or not. Board Member Sapp stated that Board has to move on because it was voted on by the Board. Chairman Elias stated that the concert was disappointing and the Board cannot allow this to happen however will wait to see the plan that Mr. Hayes will put into place.

Finance Report:

Board Member Gay asked will they be receiving checks for expenditures listed on the Finance Report. Mr. Hayes stated yes they will be receiving checks for the expenditures listed. Board Member Gay asked Mr. Hayes where was he projecting that the City comes in on budget for the park. Mr. Hayes stated that he is projecting that the park is budgeted correctly and if not it should be approximately \$100,000 plus or minus over budget. Board Member Dowdell asked what the City will benefit from by repaying the loan back within a year. Mr. Hayes stated that the bank will not make any money it the loan is repaid within a year but didn't know what the benefit or disadvantage will be for the City it the loan was repaid within a year. Board Member Dowdell asked was there anyone that could explain the pros and cons of repaying the loan back within a year. Mr. Hayes stated that he can request for Mr. Darrell Fowler to come and explain the process of the loan. Chairman Elias stated that he did not see a need for anyone to visit the Board, unless there is a Board Member that is present and want to change his or her mind. Chairman Elias responded on an earlier comment of Board Member Dowdell, stating "when the Board votes on a subject, and whether or not one Board Member does not approve the subject, the majority votes are supported by the Board". Board Member Elias reminded Mr. Dowdell that the majority of the Board approved to repay the loan back within one year. Board Member Edwards stated that he wish that someone would explain to him what happened to the housing funds that were in the budget. Mr. Hayes responded that the funds was in the budget this year; however, he was directed to remove the funds out of the budget because the Board had agreed not to rehab any houses this fiscal year. Board Member Edwards questioned whether or not if there is a plan to at least repair Ms. White home. Mr. Hayes stated that he can only recommend not repaying the loan back within a year. Board Member Sapp stated that Board formed criteria to follow in selecting a house and asked Mr. Hayes was it possible to present something to the Board to repair Ms. White house.

Manager Report:

No Report

Attorney Report:

No Report

Board Members Concern:

Board Member Dowdell stated that he knows there are other districts that would like to see some houses rehabbed and for the most part the Citizens will be voicing concerns. Board Member Sapp stated that whenever

a Citizen asks about getting their house rehab- she states to them the procedure of getting their house on the list for repair. Chairman Elias stated that he informs the Citizens that the Board made a decision to forego from doing the housing Program for the next year to pay off TanYard Creek Park project; but will resume with the housing program in 2012/2013. Chairman Elias also stated that in regards to the other homes he didn't understand the rationale behind those particular dollars.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Elias made a motion to adjourn the CRA Regular Board Meeting.

Chairman Derrick Elias
Presiding for the CRA Regular Board