

# COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

**Tuesday, December 09, 2008  
5:30 P.M.**

<u>CITY COMMISSION / PLANNING AGENCY / CRA</u>	<u>CITY STAFF</u>
Scott Black, Mayor Steve Van Gorden, Mayor Pro-Tem Eunice M. Penix, Commissioner Camille Hernandez, Commissioner Curtis A. Beebe, Commissioner	William C. Poe, Jr., City Manager James D. Class, City Clerk/Finance Director Karla S. Owens, City Attorney/Com. Dev. Dir. Jose B. Gil, City Engineer/Public Works Dir.

## AGENDA

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Roll Call

**B. MINUTES:**

Approval: November 18, 2008

**C. OLD BUSINESS:**

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

D1. CRA Report – December 2008

**E. NOTED ITEMS:**

E1. RAC Minutes – November 18, 2008

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**APPEALS:** Any person desiring to appeal any decision made by the Community Redevelopment Agency with respect to any matter considered at any meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

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# *City of Dade City*

## **AGENDA MEMO**

**To:** Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency  
**From:** Karen Traenkner, Development Review Tech / CRA Director  
**Subject:** CRA Report – December 2008  
**Date:** December 2, 2008

On November 18, 2008, the Redevelopment Advisory Committee (RAC) held their regular monthly meeting; a copy of the Minutes is attached.

Following is a synopsis of activities that have occurred since that meeting:

### **Streetlighting Proposal:**

- A meeting has been set up on December 11 at 9:30 a.m. with Ed Blommel and Lee Isham of TECO. Other invitees include: Billy Poe, Karla Owens, Mayor Scott Black, RAC Chairman Jean Ward and me. We will discuss extension of streetlights north to the end of the CRA district (Whitehouse Avenue), light placement, a formal proposal with TECO, timeframe for completion, and will also take a walking tour along 7<sup>th</sup> Street to confirm placement locations.

### **Newspaper Racks:**

- The *St. Petersburg Times* has agreed to paint their standard newsracks black to match Dade City's benches and trashcans.
- At RAC's request, I have contacted the city of Santa Barbara, CA, to get information on the type of newsracks they use. Should have an answer by the end of the month.

### **Benches & Trashcans:**

- During the November 18 RAC meeting, Barbara Huckabay expressed her displeasure with having a bench placed in front of the window of one of her storefronts – she was concerned that it blocked the view of merchandise in the window. She requested that the bench be moved to the parking island in front of Sugarcreek and turned to face the storefront. Upon re-visiting out the area, however, there is already a bench in front of the window at Sugarcreek; placing a bench opposite it could restrict sidewalk traffic. RAC will explore this further during their December 16 field trip/meeting at 4 p.m.

**Matter of Taste Alleyway:**

- Jose Gonzalez, Architectural Representative for Hanson Hardscapes, will make a presentation at the February 17, 2009 RAC meeting. Hanson had a booth at the FRA Conference in Tampa in October, and has a permeable paving system (Aquaflow) that might be a good choice both for aesthetics and drainage in the alleyway between Matter of Taste and the Hernandez building.



Hogan, Jose Gil and Joe White – will walk the north end of the CRA to decide on bench/trashcan placement.

Barbara Huckabay, business owner in Dade City, expressed concerns about a bench that had been installed in front of 37836 Meridian Avenue, a recently-opened antique shop. She requested that it be moved, possibly to the sidewalk in front of Sugarcreek, so it would not block the front window of the new shop. Members voted unanimously to re-visit the area and try to find a new location for the bench.

Newspaper Racks: Due to the proliferation of advertising news boxes at such locations as City Hall, Post Office and Lori Anne's, RAC is exploring the feasibility of installing newspaper racks to combine vendors' publications. The *St. Petersburg Times* has submitted photos of a standard beige rack they would be willing to install at no charge; Karen Traenkner will research whether the racks could be painted a different color (black) and whether the newspaper would contribute toward the cost of a different style rack. Nancy Johnson specifically mentioned the newsracks in Santa Barbara, CA. This will be researched and discussed at the next meeting.

### New Business

Review CRA 2008-09 Budget: Due to time constraints, members will review the CRA Budget and discuss at the January 2009 meeting.

Summarize/Prioritize Projects List: The primary focus for the 2008-09 budget year will be the following projects:

- Streetlighting
- Gateway Signage
- Alleyway between Matter of Taste & Hernandez Building
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot: Irrigation and repairs

Several other specific projects were discussed, including: sidewalk repairs, parking lot at the Corner Emporium, having the Novotny storage units removed, greenways and gateways, Florida-friendly plants, and the possibility/difficulty of installing irrigation in new locations to allow additional landscaping. The streetscape boards produced by the Bellomo Company will also be located and reviewed for ideas.

Karen will set up a presentation for the February 2009 meeting with Hanson Hardscapes to discuss pavers for the Alleyway.

Signage will include gateway areas, historical locations and directional signs.

RAC members decided that, in lieu of the regular December 16 meeting, they will conduct a "field trip" on that date to review the above areas of Downtown. Members will meet in Commission Chambers at 4:00 p.m. to review the Bellomo streetscape boards before starting the

walking tour. As a result of their findings, revisions to the Goals & Objectives will be re-addressed at the January 2009 meeting.

The second 2008-09 priority is to Formulate Economic Strategies. Karen will contact Professor Robert Robertson at St. Leo University to determine if students in their MBA program could be tapped to produce an economic development analysis for both the CRA area and the U.S. Highway 301 corridor. Since St. Leo views Dade City as their "Host City," it would be a mutually-beneficial project.

Construction Applications: Discussion on having RAC review construction applications, rather than the Architectural Review Board, was tabled until the next regular meeting.

### **Other Business**

RAC approved payment of 2009 Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) dues.

Nancy Johnson passed around an article from the November 17, 2008 *Tampa Tribune* concerning downtown Clearwater. It noted that the Clearwater Redevelopment Agency "shops" other cities, including Dade City, for owner-operated businesses that would compliment their city. Nancy requested that RAC also take on this type of canvassing.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Traenkner