

# COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

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:**

Invocation:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

**B. MINUTES:**

Approval: January 13, 2009

**C. OLD BUSINESS:**

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

**NOTED ITEMS:**

Minutes – January 20, 2009 RAC Meeting

**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

## REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

5:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jean Ward, Chairman                      Bob Larkin, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Agnello    Sean Ashburn  
Edna Gonzalez     Michael Hodges  
Nancy Johnson

**Others in attendance:** Laura Kinsler, *The Tampa Tribune*  
Karla Owens, City Attorney/Community Development Director.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Jean Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called; all members were present. In consideration of the evening's Speaker, other matters of business were deferred until after her presentation.

**Speaker:** Jennifer Seney, Recycling Coordinator for Pasco County

In 1994, Pasco began their curbside recycling program, "Curb Your Blues, Pasco" involving recycling of aluminum cans, metal food cans, glass containers, and #1 and #2 plastic containers – all to be placed curbside in blue bags for collection on a set schedule. Cans and bottles should be rinsed, and bottle tops removed and discarded with regular trash. The County currently uses the free-market system for solid waste and recyclables collection; nine haulers are part of the program. Trash is picked up two times/week, and recyclables two times/month.

There are on-going problems with pick-up of blue bags: haulers may skip pick-ups, residents get confused about pick-up days; bags are light-weight and get broken into by critters, etc. These issues may cause citizens to stop participating in the program.

Cardboard recycling requires customers to contract for the services of a commercial recycler, including a dumpster (usually 8 cubic yards), pick-up and processing. Cooking oil can be dropped off at several County processing sites for recycling into biodiesel fuel. The County presently has two vehicles that run on biodiesel.

The most favorable scenario – and one which Dade City may consider in their upcoming negotiations for trash pick-up – would be to require the trash hauler to provide plastic bins to all residents for recycling of cans, plastic and also newspaper. The City's current contract with Central Carting expires May 2009.

To promote recycling of plastic bottles and aluminum cans during special events, Jennifer recommended a recycling container available through ClearStream; she brought a sample to show RAC and the Commission. Pasco County has a number of the containers that the City can borrow for events; the City would have to provide the plastic bag inserts, a method of collecting bags at the end of the event, a dumpster or location for temporary storage, hire a hauler to take the bags to a processing plant, and pay for processing – currently \$56.70 per ton + tipping fees.

The cost of containers, liners, labor, dumpster, pick-ups, trash hauler and tipping fees would have to be researched and paid by CRA, since the City has no money budgeted for recycling.

When Dade City is ready for a dedicated recycling program, Jennifer will help promote the program with door-to-door flyers, ad campaigns, a citizen education program, etc.

**Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:** A motion was made and passed unanimously to re-elect Jean Ward as Chairman and Bob Larkin as Vice-Chairman.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the regular November 18, 2008 RAC meeting were approved as submitted, as well as CRA reports presented at the December 2, 2008 and January 13, 2009 CRA meetings.

### **Old Business**

**Newspaper Racks:** The *St. Petersburg Times* has a standard beige rack they are willing to install at no charge; they would also paint them black to match the City's new benches and trashcans. Karen also researched newsracks Nancy Johnson saw in Santa Barbara, CA. In view of the time and expense involved in having custom racks manufactured, RAC members voted unanimously to have Karen proceed with discussions with the *Times* to have racks installed at City Hall, the Post Office, along Pasco Avenue and in the 8<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot.

**Goals & Objectives:** Members were requested to review the revised Goals & Objectives dated July 1, 2008, adding specific projects to the appropriate categories. Additions will be finalized at the February 17, 2009 RAC meeting.

Members were also asked about the possibility of adding "renovation of City Hall" to the list of projects. Renovation could include only exterior waterproofing and painting, or go as far as complete interior and exterior remodeling. Karla Owens has researched whether renovation of public buildings was allowed under CRA guidelines, and was told it would be permissible if Pasco County also approved it. Members were asked to consider this possibility for discussion at the February meeting.

**CRA Expansion:** As required by Statute, Karla submitted information about "expansion" of the CRA district to the Pasco County Commission for review. The County has not yet responded to her August 2008 submittal. She has since notified them that, in the absence of written objections, the City would move forward with "expanding" the CRA to include several blocks south of the current Howard Avenue boundary.

### **New Business**

**8<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot Medians:** There have been several trip-and-falls in the 8<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot medians, including two in the same location within two weeks. City Engineer Jose Gil has obtained pricing for replacing the existing bricks with 5-foot concrete sidewalks on both sides, retaining trees/landscaping in the center of each median. Cross-walks would be installed

between landscaped areas, and a bench placed at the end of each median. Estimate for plain concrete would be about \$3.20/square foot – or about \$30,000 for all six medians.

Jose is also working on an estimate to use tinted concrete, stamped to look like brickwork. Karen will research use of the paving system available through Hanson Paver Products; they will be making a presentation at the February meeting for a paving system at the alleyway between Matter of Taste and the ANPM Building.

In either scenario, the historic bricks would be retained for use, possibly to edge the landscaped areas in the medians.

### **Other Business**

**Trashcans:** When Central Carting empties the new trashcans, they often dump the contents of the ashtray/lid onto the sidewalk instead of back into the can or garbage truck. The lids are attached to the base of the can with a cable to keep the lids from being separated and lost. The hauler will be asked to empty the lids and replace them on the cans.

**Sidewalks:** Jean Ward noted a potential tripping hazard on the sidewalk along Pasco Avenue, west of 7<sup>th</sup> Street. A work order will be sent to Public Works to have this area repaired.

**ANPM Building:** Karla noted that the City/Youth Council lease on the ANPM Building has been extended through March 31, 2009, to allow for promotion of the Kumquat Festival on January 31 and Little Everglades Steeplechase on March 8, 2009. The lease is at no charge to the City.

**Chamber of Commerce Request:** Sean Ashburn requested that, as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot median renovation, the CRA provide enough additional sod to plant the grounds around the Chamber. Also, he is ordering a directional sign for the Chamber, to be installed on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Recycling Request:** Nancy Johnson requested that the County provide enough recycling containers for the Kumquat Festival on January 31. However, there wouldn't be sufficient time between a Commission decision on January 27 to arrange for container liners, labor, dumpster and hauling prior to the event. Another option would be to have Habitat provide bags and pull recyclables afterward as part of their current recycling program.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Traenkner