

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING



Board of the City of Memphis and Shelby County Redevelopment Agency

Downtown Memphis Commission (DMC)

114 N. Main St.

Memphis, TN 38103

Thursday, December 5, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Board Present:

McKinley Martin Jr. – Chairman
Sam Cantor – Treasurer
Ann Langston – Secretary
Kevin Spragling
Britney Thornton
Dynisha Woods

Absent:

Miles Mason

Also Present:

Rosalyn Willis – President, CRA
Andrew Murray – Director of Planning and Community Development,
CRA
Lisa Ivy – Administrative Assistant/Office Manager, CRA

Visitors:

V Lynn Evans
Daryl Lewis (Allworld)
Michael Hooks (Allworld)
Amber Floyd (City Attorney)

A meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the City of Memphis and Shelby County Community Redevelopment Agency was held on Thursday, December 5, 2019. All Board members were present with the exception of Miles Mason.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McKinley Martin called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and a quorum was present.

II. Approval of MINUTES – November, 2019 (Board Action)

Chairman Martin called for approval of Board minutes from November 7, 2019. Upon motion made by Board Member Ann Langston and seconded by Board Member Dynisha Woods, minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

IV. STAFF REPORTS & UPDATES

Monice Hagler: Introduction of City Attorney for CRA

Monice Hagler introduces Amber Floyd as the appointed City of Memphis attorney for CRA who will be replacing Felisa Cox.

President Update: Rosalyn Willis

President Willis stated we are at year-end-closing activities and accessing where we are. The Staff is preparing for the last community event of the year - Vision 2020 - to be held at Dave Wells Community Center at 915 Chelsea Ave, Memphis, TN 38105. The event will showcase various projects that are on their way, and to collect public input concerning Washington Park and the Chelsea Greenline Trail Extension. There are several of projects that will be starting soon; such as, Elmington Capital on Chelsea between Second Street and Third Street. Elmington Capital will be participating at the event, showing a layout of their project. MMDC / Artifex’s North Poplar project will be giving a status of where they are at the Vision 2020 event. There will be a senior housing project at Legends with the developer (Pennrose) and the Memphis Housing Authority coming soon. Conversations have started with Oasis of Hope concerning the former Grant School site of what can become of the site. The culvert and wing walls are in near the Grind City Brewery for the trail by the brewery. There have been progress, in spite of the unexpected challenges for the brewery; they will be opening in the spring.

Kimani Shotwell has been going through neighborhoods cleaning up blight. Chairman Martin asked if there were any method or guide to what areas are approached first. President Willis responded there is a method to how it will be done. Kimani and his team will be going into New Chicago area after the first of the year; they already been working in Smokey City and Bearwater area. Streets are being prioritized based on the condition of the area by using maps of the neighborhoods.

An application for TIF funding from Tower Ventures has turned in for the Snuff District.

There are two staff members and Valerie Peavey with the Advisory Committee will be going to Chicago this week for Reimagining City Commons 2.0, we were a part of the white paper through Kresge. Kresge agreed to put more money back into Binghampton and Uptown, Kresge will be paying for this trip to focus on art and youth development.

Board Member Sam Cantor asked if there is community outreach being done for Vision 2020. President Willis stated outreach is going on and all the CDCs are involved.

Community Development: Andrew Murray

Andrew Murray stated we are working towards the Vision 2020 event; all of the partners will be participating in the event. We have received a few applications for the Reimagine lots, the applications will be reviewed this week. Nothing can be built on these lots. Board Member Cantor asked if the administration been invited to the Vision 2020 event. They have been invited.

Staff is still working on the parking lease for St. Jude / ALSAC.

Legal: Monice Hagler

Monice Hagler stated she has been working with the staff and ALSAC on the parking lease. ALSAC has sent back their proposal and Chairman Martin has taken over the reins of negotiating along with the staff. Amber Floyd will be working with Chairman Martin to work out issues. Monice Hagler stated a motion need to be entertained to extend the temporary access agreement until January 31, 2020. Chairman Martin called for a motion to extend the temporary Access Agreement until January 31, 2020. Upon motion to extend the temporary access agreement made by Board Member Sam Canton, seconded by Board Member Ann Langston. The Board unanimously approved to extend the temporary access agreement until January 31, 2020.

Audit: Lynn Evans

Lynn Evans stated she has received an official draft of the audit report from CBIZ on Monday. Mrs. Evans is reviewing the draft and will be sent back to CBIZ to go through their quality partner check and be ready for issuance. CBIZ had new document requests that has been completed and sent back to CBIZ. All the data from July 2018 to present has been entered into the system to have everything current within two weeks and prepared for the next audit.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business

VI. NEW BUSINESS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Finance Committee meeting will be held on December 19, 2019, 8:30 a.m. at the CRA Offices, 170 N. Main Street 6th Floor. The next Board meeting on January 2, 2020 will be rescheduled.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to be discussed; the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann W. Langston