

**CITY OF MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY BOARD MEETING**



Board of the City of Memphis and Shelby County Redevelopment Agency

Meeting held at CRA Offices / 850 N. Manassas - Gould Cottage / Memphis, TN 38107

Thursday, March 3, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Board Present: McKinley Martin Jr. – Chairman
Sam Cantor – Treasurer
Ann Langston – Secretary
Kevin Spragling
Kandace Stewart
Britney Thornton
Emily Greer

Absent:

Also Present: Rosalyn Willis – President, CRA
Andrew Murray – Director of Planning and Community Development, CRA
Cynthia Durham – Community Builder, Block Wellness Program, CRA
Monice Hagler – (CRA Counsel)
V. Lynn Evans – (CRA CPA)

Guests: Valerie Peavy
Robert Wiseman
Joe Kent
Andre Jones

A meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the City of Memphis and Shelby County Community Redevelopment Agency was held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at CRA. All Board Members were present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Martin officially called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and a quorum was present. He welcomed new CRA Board Member, Ms. Emily Greer.

II. Approval of MINUTES – January 27, 2022 (Board Action)

Chairman Martin called for approval of the Board minutes from January 27, 2022. Board Member Ann Langston made a motion and Board Member Sam Cantor provided a second. The January Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Guest #1: Joe Kent

Mr. Kent asked a few questions of the Board regarding the cost of the Uptown Transportation Study and Good Neighbor Program.

Guest #2: Valerie Peavy of 594 N. 2nd St.

Ms. Peavy asked for an update from CRA on the Uptown traffic study that was requested at the last Board meeting. She thanked CRA for approving and moving forward with the study. The Community Advisory Committee members would like to work closer with the Board.

Guest #3: Andre Jones of 598 N. Main

Mr. Jones thanked CRA for their support in the community. He hopes that they come up with next steps to move forward with the Gayoso Bayou redevelopment and completion of the associated public park project. He suggested a Community Advisory meeting before the next Board meeting.

Guest #4: Robert Wiseman of 680 N. 6th St.

Mr. Wiseman spoke about temporary housing for residents while their home is being renovated and that most of the residents cannot afford to stay at hotels or have the option of staying with family members.

President Willis said that she will investigate the specifics of the temporary housing process and that she needs more details in order to properly address this concern.

Board Member Sam Cantors asked about the lots where the Gayoso bayou is - the City owns one parcel and ALSAC owns the other. He asked if there was a swap of properties between the two. Guest Andre Jones said that ALSAC owns all the property between 2nd and 4th street. President Willis said that there was no swap and that the City sold ALSAC the parcel closest to their campus.

Chairman Martin thanked everyone for their public comments. He said that the Board would follow up on all questions or concerns.

IV. STAFF UPDATES

Staff Andrew Murray supplied the Board copies of the Uptown Community Plan with the 2019 addition appendix included. Andrew pointed out that the plan can now be accessed on CRA's website. He also mentioned that the Uptown Advisory Council spearheaded this plan and gave lots of beneficial feedback.

CRA Counsel, Monice Hagler, reported that she is working on the TIF ordinance and resolutions for the South Memphis TIF to get them to the City and County attorneys so they can then get on the agenda for meetings.

CRA Financials:

CRA CPA V. Lynn Evans reported that there were no additional updates. She said that the audit is underway and that January financials are to be delivered in April 2022.

President Willis presented her key points:

- Phase I of the Sidewalk Program has been completed. A kick-off meeting took place yesterday with the team. Phase II will begin later this month and will run through January 2023. Contractors will try doubling their crews to shorten their time.
- She supplied a copy of the plans for the North Memphis Greenline. She said that things are moving along, and the project should be completed by the end of 2022.

Board Member Kevin Spragling suggested that the resident's temporary move/housing situation be presented to the Policy & Procedures Committee for further discussion and then the committee bring the suggestion to the Board as a motion or policy.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Martin requested that Board Member Kevin Spragling work to prepare a slate of nominations for Board officers for the next Board meeting.

The next CRA Board meeting will be held in person at the CRA offices on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Martin excused everyone at 9:35am, except for Board members who continued on with the Executive session.

Respectfully submitted,


Ann W. Langston, Secretary