

APPROVAL

OF

MINUTES

(April 28, 2021)

The Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency

CRA Clerk's Summary Minutes

Virtual CRA Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

5:00 P.M.

• **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman Jannie Russell called the Virtual Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69, issued by the office of the Governor Ron DeSantis On March 20, 2020, municipalities may conduct meetings of their governing boards without having a quorum of its members present physically or at any specific location, and utilizing communications media technology such as telephonic or video conferencing, as provided by Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes.

An opportunity was given to the public to email the CRA Clerk prior to the CRA Meeting with any questions/comments/concerns on items we will hear on this evening's CRA agenda. This meeting is being streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CitvofOpalocka>.

Since this is a virtual meeting as authorized by the Governor of the state of Florida, again, Members of the public wishing to address the CRA have been offered the opportunity to do so. Public comments will be included as part of the public record for this virtual meeting and will be considered by the CRA prior to any action taken.

• **ROLL CALL:**

The following members of the Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency were present: Chairwoman Jannie Russell, Board Member Chris Davis, Board Member Matthew Pigatt, Board Member John Taylor, Board Member Rose Tydus and Board Member Veronica Williams. Also present were Board Attorney Candice Cobbs, CRA Manager, Gregory Gay, CRA Staff, Corion Delaine, Gerald Lee and CRA Board Clerk Kinshannta Hall.

Absent Member: Board Member Alvin Burke

• **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Chairwoman Russell: Are there comments or concerns from the Public? Are there any add-ons for this meeting?

CRA Clerk Hall: I haven't received any comments, phone calls, or emails from the Public and there are no add-ons either.

Chairwoman Russell: I would like to add an add-on item of a Community Development Specialist in the Discussion/Presentation section.

Board Member Matthew Pigatt moved to approve February 24, 2021 CRA reading minutes. Board Member Rose Tydus second. The reading minutes from February 24, 2021 CRA meeting were approved.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Chris Davis	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Rose Tydus	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

Chairwoman Russell: Public comments is now open.

***(There were no Public Comments.)**

Chairwoman Russell: Public comments is now closed.

***Resolutions**

H1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A CONFLICT AND REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chairwoman Russell: Can I get someone to move it please.

Board Member Chris Davis moved resolution "H1" and Board Member Veronica Williams second.

Mr. Gay: This report needs to be presented to Miami-Dade County on an annually basis. I just wanted to be able to present this to the board for approval so we can transmit this document to Miami-Dade County. If anyone have any questions I'm willing to address them at this time.

CRA Clerk Hall: For the record, Board Member John Taylor has joined us for the meeting at 5:21pm.

Chairwoman Russell: In every report we go back to talking about the old items, does it have to be a part of the report or can we just talk about the new board and where we are trying to go?

Mr. Gay: The information is basically the introduction, this report is being in provided in a way where if someone is not familiar with the CRA they would have a better understanding of the history and how the board has been established over the years. This only speaks to the first two pages. It's good to have that history because you never know who will be evaluating it from the Public or the County side. As we progress you will be able to that information will shrink down and be more concise.

Chairwoman Russell: Again, that is two pages that can be condensed down to one page. I understand that you want to give history but I think that is a lot.

Board Member Pigatt: I agree Chairwoman Russell. It seems that we get the same report each year and we need to plan out what the accomplishments of this board is doing.

Board Member Davis: Would the report include the audited financial as well?

Mr. Gay: The audited financial has not been fully completed. This information is not included only the proposed budget is included.

Chairwoman Russell: Back to my point, we just want the report to look more progressive.

Mr. Gay: I concur and future reports will be like that.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Chris Davis	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Rose Tydus	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

H2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Resolution "H2" is deferred to the next OCRA Meeting. Mr. Gay/CRA Manager wanted to include more information, the resolution will be brought back before the OCRA Board at the next meeting.*

H3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING NEW AGENCY LETTERHEAD, AGENCY LOGO AND MARKETING LOGO FOR THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A CONFLICT AND REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Board Member Matthew Pigatt moved resolution "H3" and Board Member Chris Davis second.

Board Member Pigatt: Which one is the final?

Mr. Gay: We went through several variations. The one we are recommending is the first logo. It is highlighted in the circle by the Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency showing when it was established and the "C" "R" & "A" it reflects the artistic throwback to the Moorish design. It reflects the acronym for the Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency. As for the letterhead the focus would be on the last slide which would be just the O portion which speaks to the Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency. This would be the portion on the letterhead. The first and the last illustration is what we are recommending for approval.

Board Member Tydus: I think the recommendation of the administration is a good one. The logo itself is consistent.

Chairwoman Russell: In the red section inside of the circle what does that say?

Mr. Gay: It is an illustration of Historic City Hall and it was established December 4, 2012.

Board Member Davis: I like it and it is colorful. It satisfies the goal of the CRA which is to have its own identity.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Chris Davis	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Rose Tydus	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

***Discussions/Presentations**

11. Discussion to Select New Officers-Chair and Vice Chair

Board Member Taylor: How was it done in the past?

Chairwoman Russell: It was made from the floor.

Board Member Pigatt: Chairwoman Russell has lead us over the years and has done a great job. I would be in favor of new leadership to get that experience if any board members would like this chance.

Board Member Williams: You have done a phenomenal job. I vote to keep you as the Chairwoman of the CRA board.

Board Member Tydus: I want to congratulate you on the hard work you have done. It would be my nomination to continue to keep you as our Chairwoman.

Board Member Taylor: I think you've done a great job, I would like for you to stay as our Chairwoman.

Board Member Pigatt: I make a motion to reappoint Chairwoman Russell as our CRA Board Chair and Board Member Veronica Williams second.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Chris Davis	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Rose Tydus	Yes

Chairwoman Russell: I would like to nominate Board Member Chris Davis as the Vice-Chair for the CRA board. He has experience that he could bring to this board. He will do a great job.

Board Member Davis: I accept your nomination. I'm glad to play a role and continue to move the City forward.

Board Member Pigatt made the motion to nominate Board Member Chris Davis as Vice-Chair for the CRA board and Board Member Tydus second.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Matthew Pigatt	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Rose Tydus	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

Chairwoman Russell: I would like to ask the board if you would allow me to move the discussion I asked about adding a Community Specialist.

Board Member Pigatt: I move to amend the agenda to add the discussion for a Community Specialist and Vice Chair Davis second.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Chris Davis	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Rose Tydus	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

Chairwoman Russell: At our last meeting board member Williams asked us about moving things forward and she spoke on timelines on projects. Mr. Gay made a comment that he is short of staff. Some suggestions were made that we should get a Community Specialist. I know that

board member Williams being an administrator have a lot of expertise in that area. In our Bylaws we can have ad-hoc committees. I wanted to ask the board if we could consider in asking board member Williams since she is an administrator in setting up an ad-hoc committee and bringing on a Community Specialist but that person would be CRA specific. I would need the board input. We need projects moving and the Community needs to see that we are moving things. Many suggestions have been made of the green mesh material around some of our properties. I need to know from the board what do you all think and what direction should we take?

Vice Chair Davis: I agree. I'm willing to being a part of the committee.

Chairwoman Russell: We need to show that this board is making progress.

Board Member Williams: I agree and we should have an ad-hoc committee come together to make things start happening. I'm willing to assist the committee and help with the search for that position. I think we should consider what the position would look like and the goals.

Board Member Pigatt: I think who ever we bring on we should get them trained by the Florida Redevelopment Association. We now have the revenue to staff a "CRA". I think we should go for a CRA director. I would love to have that certified leadership in place for someone who has experience with a CRA.

Chairwoman Russell: I have something in line for you Vice Chair Davis. I think that is something that we can explore.

Board Member Pigatt: We really need someone full time in the CRA and we have the funding to do it.

Board Member Tydus: This position we are talking about is going to replace who on the organizational chart?

Chairwoman Russell: I think we need to get the ad-hoc committee together and they would present it to us to help make the decision.

Board Member Williams: I'm going to default back to board Member Pigatt. I think that everything has been snail paced. I'm very rapid and I like things to move fast. Board Member Pigatt, Board Member Tydus and Chairwoman Russell are the senior members of the board I think we should compare the ad-hoc and does it make more of a snail pace or should we just go rapid and get a CRA director as board member Pigatt mentioned. As for the senior members what are your thoughts?

Chairwoman Russell: I'm kind of hesitate because of the past experiences we had with an executive director for the CRA. I believe the ad-hoc committee would help.

Vice Chair Davis: I would be in more favor of a director with a support staff. Many CRA's are involved in many community initiatives. I think we should focus on the type of projects that we are allowed to do.

Chairwoman Russell: Vice Chair Davis I would like to assign you to look at other projects so when we come together we will have some progression made. I would like for us to take a vote on the ad-hoc committee.

Vice Chair Davis move to appoint board member Williams to take on the responsibilities of the ad-hoc committee assignment and Board member Tydus second the motion.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Chris Davis	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Rose Tydus	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

Board member Tydus move to approve Vice Chair Davis to look at potential projects that can get done in a timely manner. Board member Williams second the motion.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Chris Davis	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Rose Tydus	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

Board Member Pigatt made a motion to bring a resolution back before the board to select a specific date to have the CRA meetings and Vice Chair Davis second the motion.

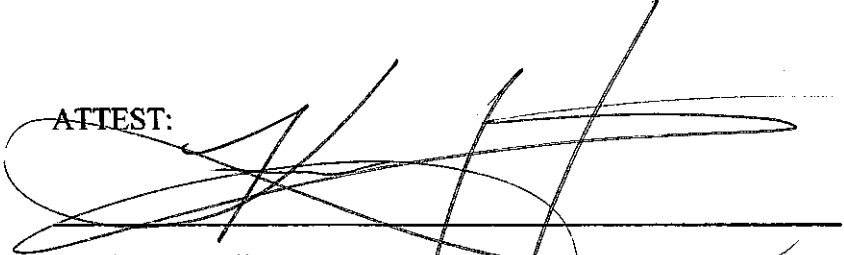
There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Chris Davis	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Rose Tydus	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Vice Chair Davis and second by Board Member Williams to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Kinshannta Hall
Board Clerk



Jannie Russell

Chairperson