

*APPROVAL*

*OF*

*MINUTES*

*(May 25, 2021)*

**The Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency**

**CRA Clerk's Summary Minutes**

**CRA Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

**• CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman Jannie Russell called the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

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.

**• ROLL CALL:**

The following members of the Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency were present: Chairwoman Jannie Russell, Vice Chair Chris Davis, Board Member Matthew Pigatt, Board Member John Taylor, Board Member Alvin Burke 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 Rose Tydus

Board Member John Taylor led us in Prayer.

**• PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**Chairwoman Russell:** Are there any add-ons for this meeting?

**CRA Clerk Hall:** I haven't received any comments, phone calls, or emails from the Public per Mr. Gay there will be one add on.

**Mr. Gay:** It's going to be a discussion/presentation which will be "I6" which will be a discussion about Parks.

Board Member John Taylor moved to approve April 28, 2021 CRA reading minutes. Board Member Matthew Pigatt second. The reading minutes from April 28, 2021 CRA meeting were approved.

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

Matthew Pigatt	Yes
Alvin Burke	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	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 BOARD OF THE 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.**

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

Board Member Alvin Burke moved resolution "H1" and Board Member John Taylor second.

**CRA Clerk Hall:** For the record, Vice Chair Davis has joined us for the meeting at 5:45pm.

**Board Member Pigatt:** Will we be passing the budget also, I see that it is attached?

**Mr. Gay:** You've already addressed that item which was separately. The budget was already approved in a previous meeting.

**Board Member Pigatt:** I don't recall passing that but that was my concern with the budget numbers and I want to be clear of what we are going to be doing and what we will be getting done with the next year.

**Mr. Gay:** We are only approving the Memorandum of Understanding.

**Chairwoman Russell:** I thought we passed the previous budget because last meeting this item was pulled.

**Mr. Gay:** The item was pulled because it had the wrong budget information.

**Vice Chair Davis:** would a budget amendment or it doesn't make sense since we are in the last cycle.

**Mr. Gay:** Mr. Anathan can address the needs for budget amendments.

**Mr. Anathan:** The budget you are looking at now was adopted last September. You reserve the right to amend the budget when you want.

**Vice Chair Davis:** If there are any items that stick out maybe we should wait to the next budget cycle.

**Board Member Pigatt:** My concern came from page 35 and page 36. Mr. Anathan just clarified the 2020-2021 year. As Vice Chair Davis said we can have this conversation at later time.

**Board Member Taylor:** This Memorandum of Understanding ends fiscal year September 2021 so why did it come up so late?

**Mr. Gay:** This is our second year and the Memorandum of Understanding is approved on an annually basis based on the approved budget or any other modification which was supposed to be completed by the end of February but we got delayed in relations to the MOU. We will be better more timely by the February date.

**Chairwoman Russell:** One request I've asked is to see the breakout of how much time is being spent on CRA work versus Community Development. We understand that they have a small staff. I would like to have a copy of the breakout in the future Mr. Anathan.

**Mr. Anathan:** You're being charged for 10 percent of their time.

**Chairwoman Russell:** I like everything to be uniform when it comes to the budget so you will have a clear direction of what is being spent.

**Mr. Gay:** This particular item is only dealing with the Memorandum of Understanding. The budget is not the primary discussion.

**Chairwoman Russell:** We understand that it's just that the budget is attached.

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

Chris Davis	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
John Taylor	Yes
Veronica Williams	Yes
Alvin Burke	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

**H2. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (OCRA) APPROVING THE WAIVER OF POTENTIAL LATE FEES AND INTEREST ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA NOT TIMELY DEPOSITING TAX INCREMENTAL REVENUE IN A PRIOR YEAR; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

*\*Resolution "H2" is deferred to the next OCRA Meeting. There will be more detailed information. The resolution will be brought back before the OCRA Board at the next meeting.*

**H3. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (OCRA) AUTHORIZING FORGIVENESS OF 33.3% PAYMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT TO BUSINESS FOR AN APPLICANT OF THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

*\*Resolution "H3" is deferred to the next OCRA Meeting. There will be more detailed information. The resolution will be brought back before the OCRA Board at the next meeting.*

**H4. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (OCRA) AUTHORIZING THE CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FLORIDA MAIN STREET PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Board Member Pigatt:** I'm in full support.

**Mr. Delaine:** Once we go through the process we have to put together a budget so we will be working with Finance.

**Board Member Williams:** I'm in support of the item. I'm requesting that we are able to meet with everyone so we will know the entire details of the program that would be great.

**Mr. Delaine:** During our next CRA meeting if it's at the boards will, we can have a representative come speak to the board directly at the next meeting.

**Mr. Gay:** The application process begins June 1, 2021.

**Chairwoman Russell:** When is the deadline?

**Mr. Gay:** I believe its June 30, 2021.

**Chairwoman Russell:** We look forward to moving this initiative. We don't want to give \$25k and don't see any progress.

**City Attorney:** The CRA needs to be a co-applicant with the City.

**Chairwoman Russell:** So we will make an amendment to the resolution that will say we are a co-applicant with the City.

**Amendment**

Board Member Matthew Pigatt moved resolution "H4" and Board Member John Taylor 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
Alvin Burke	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

Board Member Matthew Pigatt moved resolution "H4" and Board Member John Taylor 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
Alvin Burke	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

**\*Discussions/Presentations**

\*An update was provided and there were a few concerns regarding the CRA Bylaws. A draft version will be sent to each OCRA board member which they will review and provide their feedback and comments regarding the OCRA Bylaws. The overall goal is to update and modify the OCRA Bylaws and more information and updates will be provided at the next OCRA meeting

\*The OLCDC Staff came before and made a presentation regarding the first annual "Juneteenth" on Ali-Baba Avenue. They briefly gave the event details which will take place June 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 from 3pm-8pm. The location will take place at the "ARC, Hurt Building, Train Station, possibly block off Perviz Avenue between Ali Baba Avenue and Fisherman Street. The overall goal is to celebrate the 156<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the emancipation of slavery in the US and spark interest and knowledge around African American history. Also to highlight arts, culture and history in Opa-locka and promote African American artists and small businesses in Miami-Dade County.

\*Add On Item/Parks Master Plan "Mr. Gay spoke on presenting a workshop regarding the Parks Master Plan a date will be announced soon TBA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Kinshannta Hall

Board Clerk

Jannie Russell

Chairperson