

**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 28, 2010**

Pursuant to Public Notice, Recording Secretary Tania Miner convened a regular meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee at 6:30 p.m., on January 28, 2010 in the Council Chamber. Those present were Ron Van Meter, Sue Gaines, Sal D'Amato, Dominick Montanaro, Rodney Smith and alternate Conrad Lawlor. Community Development Director Laura Canady, Mayor Joseph Ferrante and Administrative Assistant Tania Miner were also present. Chairman David Schechter was excused.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEMP**

Dominick Montanaro **MOVED, SECOND** Rodney Smith to nominate Ron Van Meter for the Chair Pro Temp. **VOTE:** All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Dominick Montanaro **MOVED, SECOND** Sue Gaines to reelect David Schechter for the Chairman. **VOTE:** All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dominick Montanaro **MOVED, SECOND** Conrad Lawlor to elect Ron Van Meter for the Vice Chairman. **VOTE:** All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON FACADE GRANT REQUEST, STRIP CENTER, 1116-1132 HWY A1A**

Community Development Director Laura Canady introduced this item. She stated that this project includes removal of the non-conforming pole sign at 1116-1132 Highway A1A and replacement with a monument sign; replacement of the storefront glass, and repainting the building with a CRA approved color. The project total comes to \$32,657.50, and these expenses are eligible for the maximum \$15,000.00 match.

**Public Comments**

Norm Slabine of 164 Washington Street said he would be pleased with any assistance the City can offer and that he is ready to get the project started as soon as possible.

Mr. Slabine responded to questions from the board members.

Dominick Montanaro **MOVED, SECOND** Sal D'Amato to recommend that the Community Redevelopment Agency approve the facade grant application for the Strip Center at 1116-1132 Highway A1A in the amount of \$15,000.00. **VOTE:** All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON SELECTION OF BUSINESSES OF THE QUARTER**

Ms. Canady stated that Business of the Quarter Awards would now be presented by City Council when they are sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency.

She then presented some recommendations for Business of the Quarter Awards.

Committee members requested to see a list of previous recipients.

Dominick Montanaro **MOVED, SECOND** Conrad Lawlor to approve the staff recommendations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Business of the Quarter Awards, with Sonic Lube awarded for Facade Improvement and Ed and Maria Wickey for Community Involvement. **VOTE:** All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dominick Montanaro **MOVED, SECOND** Sal D'Amato to approve the staff recommendations for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Business of the Quarter Awards, with Frances Capraro, M.D. for Facade Improvement and the United States Postal Service for CRA Choice. **VOTE:** All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Canady stated that the changes to the facade grant program regarding non-conforming signs would go before City Council on February 3, 2010.

She also spoke about the City Council's request for assistance from each board in exploring the challenges and seeking resolutions to the issues arising from the economic downturn and tax reform. She stated that this item would be on the February agenda.

She also commented that City Council has decided to indefinitely postpone the underground utilities project in light of the current economic outlook.

Ms. Canady responded to questions from the board members.

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Mr. Montanaro spoke about the Raj Memorial Blood Drive that was held at Pelican Beach Park last year. He stated that this year the City is going to partner with the blood drive at the Clubhouse as a part of the Communities for a Lifetime Initiative on August 21<sup>st</sup>. He also noted that the founder of the drive, Joanne Regan might be someone to keep in mind for a future award.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 24, 2009  
JANUARY 18, 2010**

Dominick Montanaro **MOVED, SECOND** Sal D'Amato to approve the September 24, 2009 minutes as presented. **VOTE:** All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The committee postponed approving the minutes from the January 18, 2010 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

Vice Chairman Van Meter adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tania Miner  
Recording Secretary