

**MINUTES
HARBOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 12, 2021 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Buckingham called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 in the Destin City Hall Board Room.

2. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Present

Mike Buckingham
James Green
Casey Jones
Jan Best
Ian Blaise
Sandy Trammell
Mike Raim

Members Absent

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Lauren Witt, Principal Planner
Daniel Butler, Planner
Joe Bodi, Engineer Asst.
Krystal Strickland, Finance Dir.
Louis Zunguze CD Director

3. MINUTES: April 14, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021, as written was made by Committee member Raim with Vice Chairman Green providing the seconded. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote for approval.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **Harbor Capacity Study Update**

Mr. Butler explained staff has met with the Harbor Capacity Study Committee to identify in prioritize their issues in the harbor with the items identified in their packet.

Committee member Blaise spoke of his concerns with water quality issues.

- Enforcement
- Prevention of spilling fuel when refilling
- Adequate Pump-out Stations
- Sump Pumps locked

A brief discussion took place about the sump pumps and how FWC periodically inspects boats and fines those that do not have the proper locks in place. And how subsequently, the word gets out that they are inspecting so that most can remedy theirs if it is not properly installed.

Staff briefly touched on the following issues:

- Number of Boats operating in and around the Destin Harbor.
- Adequate parking and/or launch facilities.
- Boat Operators familiarity with local conditions and/or boat operation
- Commercial and Recreational conflicts
- Availability of pump outs
- Lack of Wayfinding Signage (Upland & Waterward)

Committee member Best mentioned the importance of getting the harbor pump back up and running and on a regular schedule.

➤ **Harbor CRA Master Plan Update**

Mr. Butler explained that staff met with Committee member Best per their discussion at their April meeting to discuss her recommendations and changes to update the plan prior to the May meeting.

The following items were implemented to the plan as discussed:

- Format of the Master Plan
- Address redundancies throughout the Plan
- Outdated information removed

According to Mr. Butler, staff would like to approach the update to the Harbor CRA Master Plan with the following steps:

- Review the Comprehensive Plan policies listed in the Harbor CRA Master Plan with the current applicable Comprehensive Plan policies.
- Identify and propose new format for the Harbor CRA Master Plan to reduce repetitive information.
- Bring each chapter to Harbor CRA Advisory Committee for discussion and proposed revisions from Committee.
- Draft Harbor CRA Master Plan based on recommendations from the Harbor CRAAC and present to Committee for recommendation to City Council.
- Present updated Harbor CRA Master Plan to CRA Board/City Council for approval.

Motion by Committee member Best, seconded by Committee member Green that the Harbor CRA Advisory Committee adopt the proposed/recommended approach to updating the Harbor CRA Master Plan. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

➤ **Development Projects within the Harbor District:**

Mr. Butler provided an update of the ongoing development projects.

- Wet & Wild – 119 Calhoun Ave.
- Heron Harbor – 314 Harbor Blvd.
- Pelican Adventures – 546, 580, & 600 Harbor Blvd.

➤ **City Project:**

Mr. Butler provided the members with an update on the following projects.

- Crosstown Connector (Beach to Benning)
- Zerbe/Calhoun Ave. Pedestrian Project, Phase I, Zerbe/Sibert to Clement Taylor
- Park- under construction
Zerbe/Calhoun Ave. Pedestrian Project, Phase II (boardwalk under the bridge)
design

There was a brief discussion related to the Cross Town Connector Project and what part was the grant awarded for. According to staff, the #2.7M was for Adkins's scope of work.

Committee member Raim asked staff where the location of the speed tables will be on Calhoun

Avenue. Mr. Bodi explained the location and how they are notifying the public of the change with signage and cones.

Chairman Buckingham spoke of the need for an additional speed table to be installed closer to Leonard Destin Park. Mr. Bodi informed him that at this time there is no plan for one however, staff is open for discussion.

Motion by Chairman Buckingham, seconded by Committee member Raim to look into installing one or two more speed tables on Calhoun Avenue and bring the speed limit down to 25 mph past Forest. The motion passed 4-2 with Green and Jones dissenting.

Committee member Blaise questioned the speed table policy noting that there is speeding issues on Lakeside Drive. Mr. Bodi explained it starts with the request to staff.

Motion by Committee member Blaise, seconded by Chairman Buckingham to request to have speed tables installed on Lakeside Drive and Main Street.

Committee member Jones announced a Point of Order stating that speed tables and speed limits in the city should be a discussion for a different committee and not this one. The motion died.

- **Capt. Royal Melvin Heritage Park, 206 Harbor Blvd**

This project is under construction and, there were additional problems with the second footers that were again incorrectly poured and had to be removed so, the project is behind 2-weeks.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- **RFP 21-03-FIN Tax Exempt Loan Financing – Krystal Strickland**

Ms. Strickland provided the members with an update on the status of the Tax Exempt Loan and explained that the loan is to repay the city's General Fund Balance \$9.9M for the purchase of the beach properties on Scenic Highway 98 at a rate of 1.39%.

- **Resolution CRA 21-01 - Approving the form of and authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Destin**

Ms. Strickland informed the members that staff is looking for a recommendation to the CRA Board to adopt Resolution CRA 21-01 which is an execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Destin and the Harbor CRA whereby the Harbor CRA agrees to pay its portion of the 2021 loan.

The City will issue a total of \$9,905,000 in debt to be repaid as follows:

- \$3,597,000 to refinance the Harbor CRA's 2009 loan to be repaid with Harbor CRA TIF revenues
- \$3,489,000 to refinance the General Fund 2015A Capital Improvement loan to be repaid using general non-ad valorem revenues
- \$2,819,000 to expand public beach access to be repaid from Okaloosa 1/2 Penny Local Surtax revenues

Motion to recommend that the Destin Community Redevelopment Agency adopt Resolution CRA-21-01, authorizing and directing the Agency's Chair or Vicechair to enter into the attached Interlocal Agreement with the City of Destin was made by Chairman Buckingham with Vice

Chairman Green providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- **Committee member Jones:** Thanked Lauren and wished her well.
- **Committee member Best:** Thanked Lauren and wished her well too.
- **Vice Chairman Green:** Reminded everyone to be kind and wished Lauren well.
- **Chairman Buckingham:** Ditto to what Green said.
- **Committee member Raim:** Wished Lauren good luck.
- **Committee member Blaise:** Wished Lauren good luck.

➤ **Public Comment:**

None

➤ **DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Lauren introduced new staff member Sae More and informed the members that Daniel will be attending all of their meetings going forward.

- **Next meeting: June 9, 2021**

7. ADJOURNMENT:

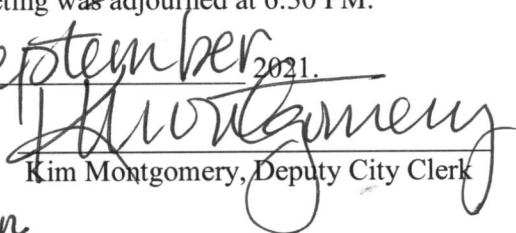
Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Adopted and approved this 8th day of September, 2021.



Mike Buckingham, Chairman

Capt. James Green, Vice Chairman



Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk