

**MINUTES
HARBOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 22, 2023 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023, in the Destin City Hall Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
James Green	Sandy Trammell	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Mike Buckingham	Jan Best	Steven O'Connor Principal Planner
Casey Jones		Ryan Scott, City Engineer
Christian Myers		Joe Bodi, Engineering Asst. II
Ian Blaise		Rachel Hoag Planner

3. MINUTES: April 22, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2023, meeting was made by Committee member Buckingham with Committee member Jones providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **None**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Development Reports –**

The Chair asked Mr. Butler about the status of the Cross Town Connector and if there was any progress in purchasing the last property. It was relayed that the agreement has been made and will go to the June 5, 2023, Council meeting agenda. The Chairman then asked for the status on the Royal Melvin Heritage Park.

According to Committee member Buckingham, the park has gotten it's C.O. from the Building Official however, there are a few items that still needs to be corrected, but it is now open to the public.

➤ **Harbor Community Redevelopment Area Master Plan – 3TP Ventures**

Mr. Callahan of 3TP explained the purpose for their presentation is to provide the members with an update of where they are with the Master Plan for the Harbor District. He then provided the members with a brief recap of previous presentations they've heard and the financial outlook

for the district.

Ms. Witt provided the members with a list of priorities for the members to gauge their top picks and their goal to see the items financed and finished.

Regarding the initiative to construct the under the bridge boardwalk, Committee member Buckingham questioned why FDOT is now not wanting this when, as long as it's been discussed, he has never heard of any reason why they would be against the plan.

Staff explained it has to do with the 10-year bridge replacement PD&E Study they are about to implement additionally, they could not tell staff if the current bridge abutment will remain where it now is located, and asked staff to not continue to pursue this plan until they have a better idea of where the replacement will be located. Additionally, the discovery of a high pressure gas line that runs along the north side of the bridge is also an issue.

Committee member Buckingham stated that he is not aware of either of those two issues and is in close contact with several staff members of FDOT. He added that he will personally reach out to them to find out any additional information because at this point, there is not even a design for that portion of the boardwalk, as far as he is aware. The members also discussed how the two intersections at Stahlman and Calhoun Avenue greatly need to be improved, but if any major changes are made, those would most likely have to be redone when the bridge does get on schedule to get replaced.

Mr. Callahan briefly explained any improvements to those intersection that are more than just quick fixes will be addressed in the Mobility Plan that is being developed and it will come to them at a later date.

The members discussed the ongoing lack of parking and the need for parking structures and the problem has only gotten worse in the past decade or more, and of the need to build one soon.

Moving onto the activity, the 3TP staff members explained to the committee they have score sheets for them to rank the projects they most to least want to see get accomplished and handed out sheet and stickers for them to place next to their most important projects.

Mr. Callahan informed the members that they should be wrapping up their work on the two CRA Master Plans in about 6-weeks and they would either be coming back in person or presenting it virtually for the members review and a recommendation to City Council for adoption.

➤ DIRECTORS REPORT

• Design Standards

Mr. Butler explained staff is looking to gauge the committee's interest in working with staff to create design standards for the Harbor CRA District for buildings and structures. With the

members agreeing that they would, Mr. Butler explained that staff will bring back an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Buckingham** – Made the following motion:

Have Council direct staff to bring back to the committee recommendations and designs for the boardwalk to go underneath the bridge. Additionally, have staff bring back to the committee a couple of simple modifications to the two intersections at Calhoun Avenue and Stahlman Avenue. Committee member Myers provided the second. The motion passed 5-0.

➤ **Committee member Jones** – Spoke of how he had mentioned at the Harbor & Waterways Board, that he also sits on, about getting some pump out station installed or have boats hired that could come and provide the services. He spoke of how he is currently working on this initiative and would like to get support from this committee as well. The members had a brief discussion and how Destin Water Users would need to be involved, as well as possible locations where they could be installed. All the members agreed that this is something is highly needed for the city.

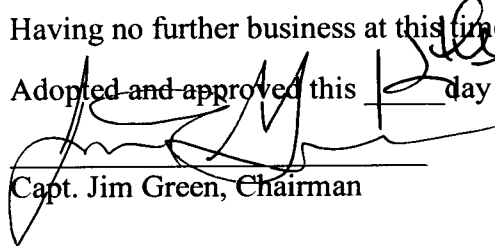
➤ **Committee member Blaise** – Spoke of the erosion that continues to happen at the breakwater area of Norriego Point and how something needs to be done soon and asked if there is a plan for the problem. The Chairman spoke of how the sand coming down from the dune is starting to affect the navigational channel as well.

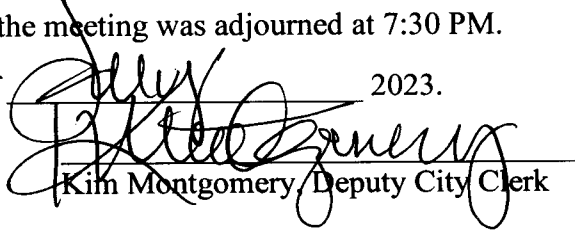
Mr. Scott explained to the members that after the road construction to Norriego Point and the private marina is finished, the State will be coming in behind the completion to start on the park project and FDEP is aware of the issue and will address it with that project.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Adopted and approved this 12 day of July 2023.


Capt. Jim Green, Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk