

**MINUTES
TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 20, 2024 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wernet called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, March 20, 2023, at the Destin City Hall Annex Council Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

TC Members Present

Lockwood Wernet
Michele Sandstead
Nikki Johnson
Joshua Cowsert

Members Absent

Delores Morrell
Dorothy Robinson

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery Deputy Clerk
Steven O'Connor Principal Planner
Daniel Butler Senior Planner

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

➤ **November 23, 2023**

Motion to approve the November 23, 2023, minutes as written was made by Committee member Johnson, with Committee member Sandstead Cowsert providing the second. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Operations Financial Report - Informational purposes only

B) Capital Project Status - Informational purposes only

There were no discussion on these two items

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Development and City Projects Update – Daniel Butler

➤ **30% Plans for Linear Park**

Mr. Butler informed the members with the information and informed the members that they would be receiving the hard copy of the 30% conceptual plans from Chairman Wernet for their review. He also informed the members there will be a public meeting with the Public Works/Public Safety Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee on December 12, 2023, and staff encourages the members to attend.

Committee member Sandstead asked about the grant opportunities. The City Attorney explained Mayor Wagner is working on this with Florida Sun Trails and the information will be made available to them soon.

Committee member Sandstead asked if there is any new information regarding the pickleball courts. According to Mr. Butler, the City Engineer is working on drafting the conceptual plans for Phase I and II and they are currently being reviewed internally by staff. This project is supported by the City Council with the Development Order process starting mid-year of 2024.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Committee member Sandstead provided the members with pictures for the status of the old marlin Christmas decoration that was always located in the right of way entrance of the Town Center District at Regions Bank that is being refurbished and rewired by Tammy Baker, a local business owner, as well as the lights and decorations going up on the light poles.

Committee member Sweetser provided accolades for keeping the work local on the restoration as well as the effort to refurbish it instead of throwing it out and using a generic holiday piece. Since the Marlin has been a sentimental fixture in the community for so long.

Chairman Wernet – Linear Park Preliminary Plans

The Chairman handed out the preliminary 30% plans to the members for review. He spoke of the how Florida Power & Light, for safety reasons, will not allow the areas of rest with park benches and work out stations, that was requested, because of their stringent regulations of the power lines. He explained they will only allow it to be a movement type park setting to prevent people from spending a lot of time in one area. However, they will be allowed in the Jewel Melvin Park. The members also discussed the various areas available for the public to park.

➤ Discussion

There was a brief discussion of the meeting date in December and all the members agreed that they would not meet on December 20, 2023.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Adopted and approved 26th day of June 2023.

Lockwood Wernet
Lockwood Wernet Chairman

Kim Montgomery
Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk