

**MINUTES
HARBOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2025 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Committee member John Stephens in the Destin City Hall Annex Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m., on February 12, 2025, followed immediately with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present

John Stephens
Casey Jones
Guy Tadlock
Lance Johnson
James Green – in at 5:40 p.m.

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Daniel Butler, Principal Planner

3. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion to change the order of the day and add Sandy Trammell to the agenda.

4. CHAIR & VICE CHAIR:

Chairman: Motion to nominate John Stephens as Chairman and Lance Johnson as Vice Chairman was made by Committee member Tadlock, seconded by Committee member Jones. With no further nominations, the motion passed with a 4-0 vote, committee member Green was not present for the vote.

5. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: November 11, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Committee member Tadlock, seconded by Committee member Jones the members approved the minutes of the November 11, 2024, meeting as written with a 4-0 vote, committee member Green was not present for the vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Sandy Trammell

- Announced that the city has obtained the 501c for the Parks Foundation.
- Destin Forward will be installing five stations at Leonard Destin Park to install QR. code signs about the history of the park property and Leonard Destin.
- City Council has approved the funds for the boardwalk extension to go under the Marler Bridge.
- Suggested to the members they start working on items to be included for the Visioning Session in November.
- She touched on the extensive amount of time it takes staff to prepare for all the

committee and board meetings, and how they printed out binders are being phased out, and the packets will be available on the website.

- Christmas lights in the medians along the CRA boundaries has been a public wish and suggested sending out invitations to bring them in to attend meetings to help provide input.
- Suggests inviting a Sheriff's Department to come to meetings to discuss crime issues.
- There was a brief discussion regarding 1 Calhoun property and Committee member Green briefly spoke of his initiative to get the funds back to the Harbor CRA budget.
- Touched on the need to get the committee memberships full and how any Council member is allowed to nominate someone and if they know of anyone interested to have them fill out an application online.
 - Discussion on why some Council members are not filling their empty seats, and how she has been charged by Council to ensure they get filled.

B) Long Term Financials – Krystal Strickland

This item was delayed to the next meeting.

C) January Development and City Projects Update

Mr. Butler referred the members to the maps in their packet of the current projects in the city.

Committee member Johnson asked about the status of the underground of the utilities. Mr. Butler provided the update to the members.

Committee member Tadlock questioned the status of the Clement Taylor Park and whether the pavilion would be rebuilt. According to Mr. Butler, the old pavilion that was near the shore will not be rebuilt.

Cross Town Connector status: Staff is waiting for the revision of the plat, and it should be going before the City Council at the next meeting for approval of the Development Order then the property would need to be rezoned and finally it can then be put out for bid.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

➤ **Committee member Tadlock** – Spoke of how Stahlman Avenue needs improvements. Mrs. Trammell explained how a feasibility study is in the process for the possibility of either an overpass or underpass for the intersection.

➤ **Committee member Johnson** – Asked to have a member of staff come to their next meeting to explain the options for the Stahlman Avenue/ Highway 98 intersection. He also asked if there is a mechanism in place for citizens that have had their internet impacted with outages caused by Live Oak and AT&T fiber optic installations. Mr. Butler stated that he was not

aware of anything.

➤ **Chairman Stephens** – Suggested to the members to call and schedule a meeting with staff for any concerns they may have, or if they need an update on anything

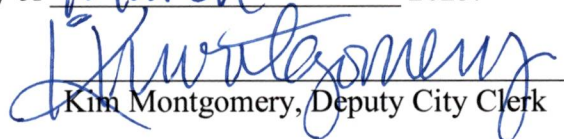
8. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of March 2025.



John Stephens, Chairman



Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk