

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 19, 2025
ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:30 PM**

The Community Redevelopment Agency met in a regular session with the following members and staff present:

Destin Community Redevelopment Agency

Board Chair Teresa Hebert
Boardmember Jim Bagby
Boardmember Torey Geile

Boardmember Rodney Braden
Boardmember Sandy Trammell
Boardmember Dewey Destin

City of Destin Staff

CRA Executive Director Larry Jones
Projects/Grants/Contract Manager Jeffrey Cozadd
Community Development Director David Pritchard
Parks & Recreation Director Lisa Firth
Public Information Director Tamara Young
Deputy Comm Dev Director Steve O'Connor
City Attorney Kimberly Kopp

Deputy City Clerk Kim Montgomery
Records Specialist Sharon Gardner
IT Director Andy Peters
City Engineer Robert Tomasek
Finance Director Krystal Strickland
Public Works Dir Michael Burgess

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CRA Board Chair Terésa Hebert called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Boardmember Trammell, seconded by Boardmember Geile, to approve the agenda passed 6-0. Boardmember Schmidt was absent from the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 17, 2025, CRA Board Meeting

Motion by Boardmember Trammell, seconded by Boardmember Geile, to approve the minutes of March 17, 2025, RA Board Meeting passed 6-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Harbor CRA Master Plan

Boardmember Bagby began by noting that the city has three main goals: improving access to the Harbor District, crossing Harbor Boulevard, and reaching the Harbor Boardwalk. He compared the current strategic plan priorities – such as the cross-town connector, Stahlman/US 98 intersection improvements, pedestrian access under the Marler Bridge, and parking options – with the Harbor Master Plan’s chart, which listed the Marler Street parking structure as the top priority. Boardmember Bagby argued that the parking structure should not be number one, as the lot is underutilized.

Boardmember Bagby moved to direct staff to re-prioritize the Harbor CRA plan’s chart to match the strategic plan. Boardmember Destin seconded the motion for discussion.

Boardmember Destin suggested specifically moving the parking project from first to seventh place to align with the other list, which Boardmember Bagby accepted, amending his motion accordingly. Boardmember Braden then questioned how the parking project became the top priority.

The Deputy Community Development Director explained that it came from the Harbor CRA Advisory Committee and mobility plan workshops where participants prioritized projects using a voting and sticker system.

Boardmember Trammell noted that the specific sheet showing the priorities had not been introduced to the advisory council, leading to a disconnect between strategic plan priorities and the master plan.

Boardmember Bagby then further amended his motion, providing a new ranked priority list:

- 1. Completion of the cross-town connector,**
- 2. Stahlman/US 98 intersection improvements,**
- 3. Harbor Boardwalk under-bridge extension,**
- 4. Harbor Boardwalk east extension,**
- 5. Bike lane/sidewalk improvements,**
- 6. Safety improvements,**
- 7. Zerbe parking, and**
- 8. Marler parking structure.**

Boardmember Destin provided a second to the amended motion.

Boardmember Trammell suggested sending the matter back to the Harbor CRA Advisory Committee for alignment, but Boardmember Bagby felt the council could act now to avoid further delays. Boardmember Braden expressed concerns about the city enabling the need for parking by approving business licenses (BTRs) without adequate parking plans, leading to repeated demands for public parking facilities.

The amended motion passed 6-0.

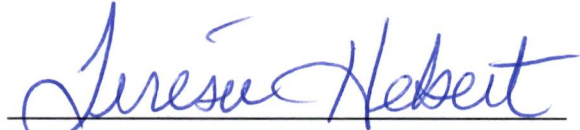
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

By:



Teresa Hebert, CRA Board Chair

ATTEST:



Rey Bailey, City Clerk