

**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**APRIL 7, 2026**  
**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

Chairwoman Sandy Trammell  
Board member Kevin Schmidt  
Board member Jim Bagby  
Board member Dewey Destin

Board member Rodney Braden

City of Destin Staff

CRA Executive Director Larry Jones  
Public Works Director Michael Burgess  
Grants/Project Manager Jeff Cozadd  
HR Director Jamie Haynes  
Community Development Dir. Tina Deater  
City Attorney Kimberly Kopp

City Clerk Rey Bailey  
IT Director Andy Peters  
Finance Director Krystal Strickland  
Building Official Noell Bell  
City Engineer Robert Tomasek  
Public Information Dir. Tamara Young

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sandy Trammell called the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board meeting to order. Due to technical difficulties with the electronic voting system, votes were conducted by roll call.

**2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Members present:

- Sandy Trammell, Chair
- Kevin Schmidt
- Dewey Destin
- Jim Bagby
- Rodney Braden

A quorum was present. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chair Trammell called for additions, corrections, or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Destin and seconded by Mr. Bagby, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approval of minutes of January 20, 2026, CRA Board Meeting

B. Approval of minutes of March 2, 2026, CRA Board Meeting

The Board considered the January and March CRA meeting minutes together. Mr. Bagby made a motion, seconded by Mr. Destin, to approve both sets of minutes as presented.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Trammell opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Available Funding Summary**

Finance Director Krystal Strickland provided an overview of the available funding summary. She explained that City Council had previously directed staff to provide the CRA advisory committees with updated funding information so they could develop recommendations for Council consideration.

Ms. Strickland noted that the funding summary included in the agenda packet reflected conditions at the end of March and differed from information previously distributed in January due to budget amendments and other financial changes that had occurred since then. The item was presented for informational purposes.

Additionally, Ms. Strickland reported:

- The remaining balance of the 2024 loan construction account had already been reallocated by City Council.
- The City had satisfied its arbitrage requirements associated with the loan funds.
- Cost savings from completed projects may create opportunities for future funding.
- Gas Tax II funds could potentially be used for high-friction pavement projects.
- Specialized contractors would likely be required for the installation of high-friction surfaces because no local providers currently perform that work.

## **Town Center CRA Annual Report and Available Funding Summary Request**

Kyle Davis, 603 Beach Drive, representing the Town Center CRA Advisory Committee, presented the committee's 2025 Annual Report.

Mr. Davis stated that the committee had formally submitted two work plans:

1. **North-South Mattie Kelly Connector Project**
  - Intended to support mobility improvements and regional connectivity.
2. **Multi-Use Green Space Project**
  - Proposed for the vacant property adjacent to Publix, commonly known as the former Destin Cinema 10 parking lot.
  - Mr. Davis described the project as a unique opportunity to create a family-oriented public gathering space and community asset.
  - He referenced Oviedo on the Park as a successful model and noted the property's mixed-use zoning designation.
  - He emphasized the importance of creating meaningful amenities for residents while strengthening the Town Center district.

Mr. Davis introduced Preston Green, 2004 98 Palms Boulevard, who discussed additional recommendations identified by the Town Center CRA Advisory Committee.

Mr. Green discussed the possibility of utilizing approximately \$30,000 in available funding to conduct a study evaluating the feasibility and costs of undergrounding utilities throughout the Town Center CRA district. He noted the benefits of utility undergrounding in a hurricane-prone community and stated that the estimate had been provided by Florida Power & Light (FPL).

Mr. Green also recommended evaluating installation of high-friction pavement treatments near the Airport Road and Commons Drive intersection and potentially along Airport Road near U.S. Highway 98.

He explained that:

- The area contains steep grades that can become hazardous during wet weather.
- Similar high-friction treatments previously installed at Airport Road had significantly improved safety.
- Extending the treatment could reduce vehicle skidding and improve traffic safety.

Lockwood Barrett, 10 Country Club Drive East, clarified that the undergrounding proposal involved using franchise fee funding to evaluate underground utility expansion within the Town Center CRA district. He stated that the committee would return with a prioritized ranking of projects.

Board members encouraged the committee to prioritize all four projects:

1. Mattie Kelly Connector

2. Multi-use green space at the former Cinema 10 property
3. Underground utility study
4. High-friction pavement improvements

They emphasized that staff and Council needed clear priorities in order to effectively allocate resources and evaluate project feasibility.

Discussion also included:

- Existing utility undergrounding phases already underway elsewhere in the City.
- The importance of coordinating future undergrounding requests with established priorities.
- The relationship between the proposed projects and the Town Center CRA Master Plan.
- The need for future cost estimates and staff analysis.

Mr. Bagby made a motion, seconded by Mr. Destin, to approve the Town Center CRA Advisory Committee 2025 Annual Report and the FY27 work plans including the two additional items, intersection improvements and undergrounding utilities, and that all four items be prioritized for review at a later date.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **Harbor CRA Annual Report**

John Stephens, Chair of the Harbor CRA Advisory Committee, presented the Harbor CRA 2025 Annual Report and FY 2027 Work Plans.

Mr. Stephens stated that the annual report summarized:

- Committee membership;
- Actions and motions taken during the year;
- Master Plan projects;
- Budget alignment efforts; and
- Committee work plans.

He reported that the committee's work plans had previously been presented and approved in January and that the committee was continuing to refine project details and coordinate with staff regarding implementation and next steps.

Mr. Bagby made a motion, seconded by Mr. Destin, to approve the Harbor CRA Advisory Committee 2025 Annual Report and FY 2027 Work Plans as presented.

**Vote:** Unanimous approval.

Chair Trammell reported that the next meeting date is July 6, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. and reminded both CRA Advisory Committee chairs that any items requiring Board consideration at the next meeting should be submitted in time for agenda preparation.

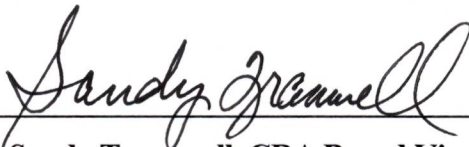
Board members congratulated both advisory committees on their efforts and encouraged continued work on project development and implementation.

**Public Comments**

Chair Trammell opened the floor for additional public comments. No comments were received.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

  
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Sandy Trammell, CRA Board Vice Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lisa Wallace, City Clerk

