

**MINUTES
HARBOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2020 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Buckingham called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in the Destin City Hall Board Room.

2. ROLL CALL:

HCRA-AC Members:

Present

Mike Buckingham
James Green
Mike Raim
Sandy Trammell
Casey Jones
Barbara Mizell

Absent

Jan Best

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Traci Goodhart, Planner
Lauren Witt, Principle Planner
Louis Zunguze CD Director
Kyle Bauman, City Attorney
Kimberly Kopp, Land Use Attorney

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: November 13, 2019

Motion by Committee member Raim, seconded by Committee member Trammell the members approved the November 13, 2019 minutes as written with a 6-0 vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

• **Livery Vessel Recommendations:**

Mr. Zunguze explained their Livery recommendations were presented to City Council and they in turn instructed staff to start preparing the ordinances to move forward to the Local Planning Agency. Additionally, at the January 6th Council Meeting; they instructed staff to contact the Livery business stakeholders in the city to schedule a meeting and get input and make any necessary adjustments. At this time, that meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2020 at the Annex Council Chambers. Additionally, their recommendations will still go forward as scheduled to the Local Planning Agency for their input.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

• **2020 Work Plans:**

Mr. Zunguze asked the members if they are interested in carrying over their 2019 Work Plans to 2020 and if not, to provide staff with the ideas they may be interested in pursuing.

The Chairman informed the members that he met with Mr. Zunguze prior to this meeting and discussed with him his idea on how they, the committee members, may be interested in pursuing individual Work Plan items since, there has not been any progression with some of the past Work Plans they were provided by previous staff. He asked then asked the members for their input.

According to Committee member Raim, his workplan item for Highway 98 traffic safety seemed to finally come to fruition this past year with all the safety implementations that FDOT are putting in with the 3R Project.

Committee member Trammell stated she would like to continue working on the landscaping work plan item for both Highway 98 and Mountain Drive. She mentioned how a majority of the landscaping that was installed on Mountain Drive is now dead because the irrigation pumps have not been working for so long. Additionally, she expressed the need to be kept up-to-date with everything that is happening in the Harbor District, including the new park and Clement Taylor Park. As well as anything that effects the committee. Pointing out that they don't seem to get any information until after most things happen.

The Chairman spoke of how he has gotten with a few of the business owners that front the medians and asked if they would set aside some funds to help improve the look of the landscaping. Such as getting rid of the old bushes that have been in place for so long and updating them with low growing plants.

Mr. Zunguze agreed and stated that staff will start implementing their ideas and provide progress updates at each meeting.

Committee member Raim asked what the current status is of Royal Melvin Heritage Park funding. According to Mrs. Kopp, the sub-grant agreement has been signed by both the city and the county and the RFP will be going out soon for the work. As soon as the county approves the RFP bid documents.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

➤ **Committee member Trammell** – Asked for the Harbor CRA-AC budget so they would know what they have to work with. She then questioned how big the homeless situation is in the city, especially in the Harbor District. According to the Chairman, it's getting better down on the harbor but there seems to be more showing up on the streets.

According to Committee member Trammell, she is working with the homeless shelter in Fort Walton Beach for transporting them to a cold shelter when the temperatures get too low. She also spoke of One Hopeful Place that received a \$600k grant for renovations with the hopes to be able to house all the homeless in the area by the end of the year or into 2021.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

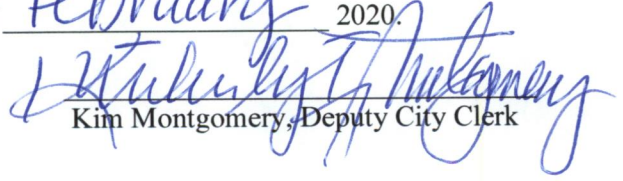
None.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of February 2020.


Mike Buckingham, Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk