

**FRUITLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2019**

A Community Redevelopment Agency meeting was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on Thursday, February 27, 2019 as soon as practical at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Chris Cheshire, Vice Mayor John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioners Christopher Bell, Patrick DeGrave and John Mobilian.

Also Present: City Manager Gary La Venia; City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver; City Treasurer Jeannine Racine; Police Chief Erik Luce, Interim Fire Chief Donald Gilpin and Deputy Fire Chief Tim Yoder, Fire Department; Public Works Director Dale Bogle; Community Development Director Tracy Kelley; Human Resources Director Diana Kolcun, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

ACTION: 6:10:15 PM Mayor Cheshire called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

ACTION: 6:10:26 PM At Mayor Cheshire's request, Ms. Coulson called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 13, 2018 CRA meeting minutes and
- February 7, 2019 CRA workshop meeting minutes

ACTION: 6:10:38 PM **On motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Mobilian and unanimously carried, the CRA approved the minutes as submitted.**

4. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANT FAÇADE PROGRAM

Mr. La Venia gave an overview of the business improvement matching grant façade program; described the total of two applications received which was previously reviewed by staff (noting that one was not viable and the other was accepted). He explained that the application from The Rose Plantation (also known as Fountain Lakes Properties LLC) was submitted as a two-pronged project, a canopy awning and electrical lighting.

At Mayor Cheshire's request, Mr. John Gibson, City of Fruitland Park business owner and The Villages resident, confirmed his plan to combine both projects for \$2,500.

ACTION: 6:10:52 PM. After further discussion, and **on motion of Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Mobilian and unanimously carried, the CRA approved awarding the business improvement matching grant of \$2,500 to Fountain Lakes Properties LLC doing business as The Rose Plantation.**

5. BLIGHTED AREAS AND ABANDONED PROPERTY ABATEMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. La Venia addressed the need for the CRA to consider allocating approximately \$4,000 towards abandoned properties; anticipated the city's process to foreclose, acquire and demolish properties and requested that the CRA authorize the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$6,000 to accomplish same.

ACTION: 6:15:15 PM. After discussion and by **unanimous consent, the city commission postponed its action to consider the city manager's request, as previously cited for properties located on 401 Acorn Circle and 19 Grizzard Street, to a future meeting.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

ACTION: 6:204:21 PM. No action was necessary.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the CRA.

ACTION: 6:20:36 PM. No action was necessary.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the September 5, 2019 meeting.

Signed _____
Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed _____
Chris Cheshire, Mayor