

**Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)
Meeting Minutes April 17, 2018
(APPROVED)**

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1. AGENDA ITEMS
2. ROLL CALL

CRA members Present: Mayor Fultz, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Curtis Gibson, Chair Robin Gibson, Commissioner Howell

Staff Present: Kenneth Fields, CRA Director; Albert C. Galloway Jr, City Attorney; Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

Chair Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

3. Minutes - March 1, 2018

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2018. Mayor Fultz seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"
Mayor Fultz "YES"
Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"
Commissioner Stewart "YES"
Chair Robin Gibson "YES"
Motion passed 5 -0.

4. CRA Plan Revised

George Kramer, Consultant with S&ME, reviewed the process of developing the plan and pointed out the revisions and explained that the plan next goes before the City Commission. Kenneth Fields, Director of the CRA, explained that this is just a plan or framework. He and Ms. Thompson will come back to the CRA with specific action steps for the next budget year to implement the plan. Chair Robin Gibson said that if it isn't in the plan then we don't have the authority to do it. If something is important to do and it is not in the plan then we must amend the plan.

Commissioner Howell asked if money has been assigned to these three items. Mr. Kramer said the Commission will make the decision about how much money to spend. Mr. Fields said that the Commission will have an opportunity to set priorities and funding during the budget process over the next few months.

Mark Bennett, CRA Citizens Advisory Committee Chair, said they thought that a new plan was important as we could get consensus from the community. Mr. Bennett said the committee has reviewed and discussed the plan extensively. The board has approved the draft. He is not fully convinced that improved bicycle/pedestrian access is the way to go but it is a good start. He is also concerned about lack of funding for the affordable housing issue but hopes that funding can be found elsewhere. He is glad to be working with Ms. Thompson and the progress being made. Mayor Fultz agreed and said she is working with a group in the Northwest and that effort is moving forward. Chair Robin Gibson said they moved affordable housing up a notch. Mr. Bennett noted that CRAs were left alone by the legislature this cycle. Mayor Fultz said it may come back and we need to advocate for home rule. Chair Robin Gibson said we as the CRA

need to be cautious in what we do.

Mr. Fields said that outreach efforts will continue as we execute the plan. We are beginning to work with the Housing Authority as they are a funding conduit from state and federal sources to help with our housing projects.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the CRA Plan. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion.

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Stewart "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Chair Robin Gibson "YES"

Motion Passed 5-0.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Terrance Horne, non-resident, said he was born and raised here and is part of the Green & Gold Foundation. He is working with Ms. Thompson to kind of bridge the gap between the areas. He is helping to get a group together from the Northwest area to help that area succeed and he is glad to be part of the effort.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk