

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 03, 2015**

A BCC and Ex-Officio as the Governing Board of the Parkside Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting was held at the Murdock Administrative Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Members present were: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Doherty, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Duffy, County Administrator Sandrock, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Secretary DiBerardino. The following members were absent: None

**The Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

David Smith spoke to the Master Plans, Bridge Plans and commended the Board for continually doing a great job.

Stephen Carter pointed out that walkability issues need to be addressed in Parkside.

Joe Tiseo, Team Parkside Board thanked the Commissioners for looking into issues within Parkside, walkways, connectivity, infrastructure, and funds.

Dr. Gary Berger, spoke to underground wires, Johnson Engineering, Elkam, trees, and thanked the Board for their assistance with the changes in Parkside.

Jim Kelly, Team Parkside Board Member provided information for upcoming events on March 14, 2015 Community Clean Up and April 25, 2015 Paint Your Heart Out Campaign, commended Rhonda Leonard, Code Compliance Officer for protecting the Parkside Area, and suggested the need for an Administrative Assistant for the Code Compliance Department.

Tess Canja, Team Parkside Board Member commented on the renovation, funds, and parks for Parkside.

Julie Mathis, Team Parkside Secretary thanked the Board for holding the meeting and requested monthly meetings in the future.

Howard Shaw spoke to vacant lots, rental property, and the applicant screening process.

**Presentation**

Debrah Forester, Economic Development Redevelopment Manager gave a brief description of the Citizens Master Plan Review by outlining Safe and Attractive, Known For Great Public Spaces, Livable and Walkable, An Identifiable Destination, Urban in Character, Fostering Community, and Supporting Sustainable Economic Growth in detail.

**Commissioner Constance** questioned the design start time for Olean Boulevard, costs for bridges, tree canopies, solar power, District Wi-Fi, and suggested future Pilot Programs for trees. **Commissioner Duffy** spoke to landscaping, restaurant chains, volunteers, Home Depot cooperation, and fiber requirements with Comcast.

Joanne Vernon, County Engineer responded to design inquiries in detail. Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director spoke to Budgeted Funds and Roadway Project Landscaping.

## **2. Citizens Master Plan Review - Updates on Projects**

**Commissioner Doherty** questioned Allocated Funds.

## **3. Reallocation of Funds - Sunshine Lake**

Ms. Forester mentioned Team Parkside requested reallocated funds back into the TIF Budget.

**COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE MOVING TIF FUNDS TO A GENERAL RESERVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

## **4. Reallocation of Funds - Harbor Boulevard.**

Ms. Forester gave a brief description for reallocation of funds for Harbor Boulevard. and moving the resurfacing up three (3) years ahead of schedule.

**Chair Truex** requested clarification from staff for where the funds are coming from. **Commissioner Constance** advised he would be abstaining from the vote due to property ownership.

**COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE REALLOCATION OF \$400,000 OF RESURFACING FOR HARBOR BOULEVARD USING GAS TAX, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 4:0., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE ABSTAINED**

## **5. Gertrude Bridge - Change Order for Railing**

Ms. Forester provided detailed information for bridge materials. Ms. Vernon thanked Johnson Engineering for the modifications they provided at no cost.

**Commissioner Duffy** questioned lighting. **Commissioner Doherty** requested staff clarification of some engineering items.

**COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED APPROVAL FOR RAILING CHANGE ORDER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH OPPOSED**

## 6. CDBG Grant Application

Ms. Forester detailed the Grant Application Process and requested moving forward to March 24, 2015 for the Task Force Appointments and Public Hearing.

**COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO FORWARD THE ITEM TO MARCH 24, 2015, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

## 7. Project Priorities

Ms. Forester spoke to the top five (5) Project Priorities in order of preference from Team Parkside and suggested she discuss each project and comeback to the Board for discussion and direction on any project the Board may wish to move forward on.

**Commissioner Doherty** requested a tally of the bottom line costs per Project. **Commissioner Duffy** commented on signage, bridges, West Tarpon and Ambrose enhancements. **Commissioner Deutsch** suggested discussing each project separately.

1.) Enhanced Signage and Wayfinding Program

**COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #1 ENHANCED SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING PROGRAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

3.) West Tarpon / Ambrose Enhancements

**Chair Truex** pointed out savings for CCU and the Sidewalk Project. **Commissioner Deutsch** questioned Item #3 with CCU involvement and requested additional clarification. Board discussion ensued.

Ms. Vernon discussed expediting the design items with CCU. Bruce Bullert, Operations and Engineering Manager spoke to wastewater, designing, and sidewalks. Ms. Forester mentioned the costs involved.

**COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #3 WEST TARPON / AMBROSE ENHANCEMENTS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 5:0.**

4.) Event Square

**Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned donations and opined it is too early to move forward on this project. **Commissioner Doherty** agreed and suggested additional review of programming for this location. **Commissioner Duffy** mentioned other options and locations for the Event Square.

(No discussion held on project 2 and 5)

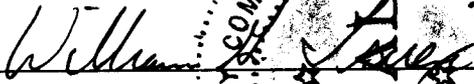
**8. Discussion/Direction on Project Cost Overruns**

**Commissioner Doherty** pointed out engineering costs, bids, TIF Projects, and asked for clarification on project funding. **Commissioner Duffy** thanked everyone involved in Parkside, mentioned rental procedures, inquired about the Landlord Associations, and asked for the bidding Timeline for Harbor Boulevard. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to cost savings and mentioned moving forward and not delaying the project with costly engineering opinions.

Mr. Sandrock noted that reprioritization may need to be done for future projects and suggested scheduling a workshop.

David Milligan, Facilities Construction and Maintenance Director spoke to the status of the Park Master Plan and the McGuire Park RFP.

**ADJOURNED: 3:34 pm**

  
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William G. Truex, Chair

  
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DATE ADOPTED: April 28, 2015

**ATTEST:**

**BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND  
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: Michelle DiBerardino  
Deputy Clerk