



**REGULAR MINUTES
BABCOCK STREET COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Melbourne City Hall Council Chamber
November 23, 2011 ♦ 8:00 A.M.**

1. A regular meeting of the Babcock Street Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee was held in the City Council Chamber, 900 East Strawbridge Avenue, and was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman, John Edmiston.
2. All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. The following members were:

Present: John Edmiston, Chairman
 Nancy Garmer, Vice-Chairman
 Jim Ridenour, Member
 Neil Long, Member, Member
 Barbara Bowman, Alternate Member

Absent: Lawrence Wuensch, Member (Excused)
 Carl Beneduci, Member
 Karen Harshaw, Member
 Chris Campanaro, Alternate Member

Also Present: Cindy Dittmer, Planning & Economic Development Director
 Doug Dombroski, Economic and Redevelopment Coordinator
 Kelly Delmonico, Planner
 Angela Howard, Recording Secretary

4. Approval of Minutes- July 20, 2011 & August 24, 2011

Moved (Edmiston/Garmer) to approve the minutes of July 20, 2011.
Motion carried unanimously.

Moved (Edmiston/Ridenour) to approve the minutes of August 24, 2011.
Motion carried unanimously.

5. CRA Project Updates

FDOT Enhancement Project (US 192- Fee Ave)

Dombroski reported that the FDOT plans are still under design and have not been submitted to the City of Melbourne.

Babcock Phase III Medians

-North Section (Brevard to Alma)

Minor revisions to accommodate DRS entrances

Awaiting Federal funding decision before the City goes to bid the grant award amount is \$800,000

-South Section

There will need to be agreements with 18 property owners. The City Attorney's Office and Frazier Engineering is compiling each individual required legal description. St. John's Water Management District may have retention requirements that may require land acquisitions as well. Storm water lines may also need to be replaced in the entire south section. Once all the issues are settled Staff can start the bid process.

Sidewalk Interconnection Project

The second phase of the sidewalk project is complete, which incorporates connections along Airport Blvd, NASA Hibiscus, and Babcock Street. Mr. Dombroski said in future phases FDOT has committed to funding for sidewalks along Nasa Blvd. on north side of Airport property.

Mr. Edmiston asked if conduit for reclaimed water has been considered.

Mr. Dombroski said the Engineering Department is looking into the possibility with funding limitations.

Mr. Edmiston pointed out that the plans do not seem to propose any improvements for the flooding at Walter's Food Store.

Mr. Dombroski said the Engineering Department has been notified of the properties flood issues.

Mr. Edmiston asked if someone from Engineering could attend a meeting before the plans are finalized.

Babcock Façade

Mr. Dombroski provided a PowerPoint display of the 2010 Façade projects. He reported that Bennett's Auto and the Lee Burn's property is near completion. Alsar, Inc. is complete and waiting reimbursement and the Hilton Rialto has withdrawn their application for unspecified reasons.

6. Overhead Utilities Discussion

Ms. Delmonico gave an overview of the lower voltage lines and light pole conditions. There is only one section in the area with overhead lines which is north of Brevard Avenue up to Ella Street. \$40,000 was allocated for a study; Staff recommends applying the money towards burying the lines and provide an in-house study. Staff will meet with FPL to discuss cost of burying the lower voltage lines and report back to the committee.

Mr. Edmiston asked if FPL and FDOT have discussed putting the conduit in during the road improvements.

Mr. Dombroski said the Engineering Department has mentioned the subject to FDOT.

7. 2011-2012 Budget Discussion

Mr. Dombroski presented the committee with the budget trend over the last three years. Additionally, the Capital Improvement Projects for the 2011-2012 budget year are as follows:

- \$60,000 - Façade Program
- \$338,000 - Phase III Medians
- \$40,000 - Overhead Lines Repair
- \$150,000 - Sidewalk Interconnections

Mr. Dombroski informed the members that to date the County Commissioners Office has not cut funding from any of the Melbourne CRA's.

8. Additional Discussion

Mr. Long asked about the status of the Business Watch Program because he has seen an increase in air conditioning parts thefts in the district.

Mr. Dombroski said he would have Officer Yorkey contact him directly for an update.

Mr. Edmiston said benches in front of the Marriott are deteriorating and future purchases from the same vendor should be closely scrutinized.

Mr. Edmiston said FDOT is repaving at the south end of the district and questioned when the County will would surface in their area along Babcock.

Mr. Dombroski said the County prioritizes their street projects and he is not aware of Babcocks ranking. Generally, county roads within the County's jurisdiction are higher in priority.


Mr. Edmiston reminded the members that during their first meeting of the year they will need to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He wished everyone happy holidays.

9. Adjournment

Moved by (Ridenour/Bowman) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 A.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Howard, Recording Secretary