

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Seventy Fourth Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – 4:06 P.M.

Proceedings:

The CRA meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. with Chairman Crary presiding. Roll was called with Donna Crary, Chairman; Mike McGowan, CRA Member; and Brian Keys, CRA Member present. Robert Love, Acting Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development; Leigha Steele, Economic Development Coordinator; Michele Blair, Environmental Program Manager; and Nathaniel A. Forman, O'Malley, Miles, Nysten, and Gilmore, P.A.; were also in attendance.

- Motion to approve CRA meeting minutes of November 18, 2020, Mike McGowan motioned, Brian Keys seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

- Applied for the MHAA Grant for The Mansion
 - Applied for \$20,000 matching grant
 - Submitted support letter from Laurel Historical Society, Donna Crary will meet with LHS Director next week
- Michele Blair is the new City of Laurel Environmental Program Manager
 - One of her goals in her new role is to make The Mansion a destination for green events
- Parks and Rec applied for an grant for an outdoor classroom and asked if the classroom could be put on the Mansion grounds next to the fence behind the community center
- Quill Lot
 - Awarded a \$50,000 grant for seating and shade structure to be installed on the lot
 - Michele Blair mentioned the possibility to incorporate green materials in to the project including solar lighting and recycled material benches

Old Business:

- The Mansion Updates
 - Logo mockups and walking path map was shared with CRA members
 - Walking paths will be created leading to The Mansion
 - DPW will put up signage, paint logo on walking paths using stencils, and install benches
- 312 Parking Lot and Electric Charging Station Updates – Robert Love
 - DPW is getting a bid for paving for 312 Main
 - The City worked with contractor provided by the State's Clean Fields Technical Assistance Program to create a report on how the City can promote and use electric vehicles

The CRA adjourned into closed session at 4:38 p.m. to consider the acquisition of real property and to consult with legal counsel.

Jamal Lee, CRA Member, joined the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

The CRA reconvened the regular meeting at 4:48 p.m.

The CRA Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2021 at 4pm.