

**Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)
Meeting Minutes April 3, 2019
(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 - January 15, 2019

Mayor Fultz made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2019. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

By Voice Vote:

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

4. PRESENTATION - Dover Kohl

Victor Kohl, Dover Kohl, introduced Meredith Bergstrom, Project Director, Anita Morrison, Economist and Nick Hall Transportation Engineer. He reminded the Commission about the meeting Friday night that will recap the work this week. He described the workshop on Monday night and what the groups did. He reported going on a tour of the Northwest neighborhood. The question that will be asked on Friday will be "Is this what you meant?" He showed on the slide show the most popular words to describe the Downtown and the Northwest area and about the vision. He shared pictures of some possible ideas for both areas. There is a desire to connect the downtown to the lake and Downtown with Northwest area. There was a desire for nightlife in the downtown and more residents in both areas. There are spaces for infill houses on each block. Everyone needs to feel welcome to walk around. Park Avenue could be identified as the heart of the matter. The design could be refreshed and green space added. He illustrated pictures of possibly restoring buildings on Park Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. They are still thinking of other ideas and some ideas are still in progress.

Mayor Fultz said that those ideas are great and looks forward to seeing more.

Commissioner Howell said she likes the draft and the vision. She says there needs to be buy-in from the community and they are working on that.

Commissioner Curtis Gibson said he was glad to see everyone discussing ideas Monday night. This is important for our city. Mr. Kohl said its important to invite the public to touch the plan and have input. Small

changes such as a crosswalk can make a difference.

Commissioner Stewart said she is glad for the participation and how the community is being brought together. She would like more from the Northwest area. She said that knowledge of the community's history is important. She said this is a great start.

Chair Robin Gibson said that the Commission needs to think ahead about the full scope of the project. What we have to do to make these ideas a reality. Standards are also important. We need design standards to be done and out there We need consistency in design throughout downtown.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Al Goldstein, resident and incoming Commissioner, commended Commissioner Stewart on her service. He thinks the effort to revive Lincoln Avenue is important and he looks forward to working with the Commission. They are thinking in the right direction.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk