

**MINUTES
CRA WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014
6:00PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

The workshop was held for community input on the proposed Community Redevelopment Area Plan. City officials in attendance were as follows:

City Commission: Mayor Nancy Daley, Vice Mayor Charles Lake, Commissioner Jack Dearmin and Commissioner Albertus Maulsby.

Planning Board: Chair John Dame, Board Member Irving Spokony, and Alternate Board Member Judy Schelfo

City Staff: City Manager Ryan Leavengood and Community Development Director Valerie Way

Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC): Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Eric Labbe, Kathy Hall, Marisa Barmby, and Pat Steed

Mayor Daley provided the workshop opening and introductions of officials, staff and representatives from CFRPC.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury reviewed a brief history of City and community efforts to date including:

- a. City initiative
- b. Continuing to work to improve the City
- c. Downtown Visioning with the Community
- d. Downtown Master Plan
- e. Downtown Design Guidelines
- f. Implementation Tools (including CRA)

Pat Steed identified the purpose and benefits of establish a Community Redevelopment Area/Agency/District. She indicated there were 4 instances of blight identified in the proposed area and outlined how the CRA would affect those included in the boundary.

Eric Labbe summarized the elements of the CRA Plan and initiated discussion on potential projects. He asked those in attendance to assemble into breakout groups for discussion on any areas lacking infrastructure, such as sidewalks, pavement issues, drainage, parks and recreation, etc.

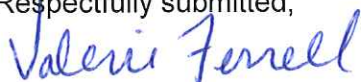
Five groups assembled to discuss the various programs or projects suggested for inclusion in the CRA Plan. Lengthy discussion was held and groups reported back several items to be included in the proposed plan document.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury reviewed the next steps for the CRA Plan including:

- a. **July 16, 2014:** Planning Board Public Hearing of CRA Plan
- b. **August 4, 2014:** City Commission Public Hearing of CRA Plan
- c. Polk County Review
- d. **January 1, 2015:** Proposed Effective Date

Workshop concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Valerie Ferrell, Community Development Director