

AVON PARK CRA BOARD REGULAR MEETING

123 E. Pine St. Avon Park, FL 33825
Monday, October 24, 2016
5:30 PM

(Please turn off pagers and cell phones)

A. OPENING

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

B. CONSENT

4. **Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2016 Regular Board Meeting**

C. ADMINISTRATIVE

5. **Avon Park Chamber re:Oktoberfest/Christmas Parade.**
6. **Gaylin Thomas: Farmers Market/Flea Market, Donaldson Park**

D. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

E. ADJOURN

Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Avon Park CRA of the City of Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Any person with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate should contact the City Manager prior to the meeting at 863-452-4403.

CRA BOARD
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
Council Chambers — 123 E. Pine St.
September 26, 2016
5:30 PM

Members Present: Mayor Sharon Schuler, Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray, Councilman Terry Heston, Councilwoman Doral Smith, Councilman Parke Sutherland

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Julian Deleon, Interim City Clerk Bonnie Barwick, Public Service Director Jason Lister, City Attorney Gerald Buhr.

Mayor Sharon Schuler called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

The invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Gray, Seconded by Councilman Heston to approve minutes of August 22, 2016 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 12, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

McCracken Farms: Re Farmers Market, Donaldson Park. There was discussion regarding the Farmers Market whether the Chamber was going to sponsor the farmers market. Marissa Finger, Director of the Chamber stated that she had talked to Mr. McCracken and he really did not want the chamber to sponsor the event. There was further discussion regarding the Insurance and to make Mr. McCracken had insurance. Councilman Sutherland stated that he was in favor of it, if it was sponsored by the Chamber. Deputy Mayor Gray stated she felt that the first Saturday was going to be part of the Oktoberfest and go from there to see how it worked. After further discussion **Motion** made by Councilman Sutherland, Seconded by Councilman Heston to limit the use of Donaldson's Park for a Farmers Market contingent upon the event being a Chamber function and the parties there to complying with the Chamber requirements. Motion passed 3 to 2 with Deputy Mayor Gray and Mayor Schuler voting no.

Avon Park Chamber proposal for services: City Manger went over the Budget for the CRA and the expenditures, he stated that the City still had staff that had to go to the meetings, maintain the minutes, the sound system, etc. and the cost to the CRA was minimal. But to pay the Chamber \$28,000.00 would over spend the budget. He stated that with the extension of the CRA there would be more money coming in but not in this fiscal year. He proposed that the CRA pay the Chamber \$15,000.00. Director Marissa Finger stated that she had talked to City Manager Deleon and her board had agreed on this amount for this year, see how it went and come back next fiscal year and reevaluate the cost. After discussion **Motion** by Deputy Mayor Gray, Seconded by Councilman Sutherland to approve the proposal from the Chamber but limiting the expense to \$15,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Huston F. Hall gave a presentation regarding putting themed series of statue placement beginning on the West point Main Street and Highway 27, One at Donaldson Park and three square sections in the middle of the Mall. City Attorney Gerald Buhr cautioned Mr. Hall that anything placed on the Mall had to be approved by DOT. Mayor Schuler asked Mr. Hall if he had come before the Council and requested permission to place the statues. He said he was working on permission from DOT and he was approaching the Council now. Mr. Hall stated he was representing a small group of people.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Recorded and transcribed by:
Bonnie Barwick, Interim City Clerk

Attest: Bonnie Barwick, Interim City Clerk

Mayor Sharon Schuler

Bonnie Barwick

From: Executive Director [Director@theapcc.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 12:25 PM
To: Bonnie Barwick
Cc: Gaylin Thomas (mothomas@embarqmail.com)
Subject: City Council Agenda

Bonnie,

I would like to be on the agenda for Monday. I would like to propose the funds originally slated to help us close the street for Oktoberfest be reallocated to closure of Main Street for the Christmas parade. Please let me know if this is doable.

Thanks,

Michael Gergen, Interim Executive Director



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