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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Advisory Board  
Thursday, December 16, 2010  
5:30 pm**

**CRA Office  
802 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 200, Gainesville, FL 32601**

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**A. ROLL CALL**

Vice-Chair Russell Ingram called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Members Present

Melanie Barr  
Russell Ingram  
Roberta Parks  
Robert Pearce  
Carl Rose

Members Absent

Dotty Faibisy  
Cesar Fernandez

Staff Present

Malcolm Kiner  
Matt Dube  
Stephanie Seawright

Guests

Mary Rose  
Marsha Kiner

**B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Board unanimously passed the motion made by Member Pearce, seconded by Member Rose.

**Recommendation:** Adopt Agenda.

**C. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**D. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Chair's Report**

No report

**2. Staff Report**

Introduction of the new CRA *Finance Manager, Lynn Janoski.*

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Legacy Project Update**

Staff reported that the CRA has made significant milestones in the following areas:

- Interpretive Plan
- Land use change and rezoning
- Capital campaign

Interpretive Plan

The plan is structured around creating a visitor experience that tells a complete story about the untold legacy of A. Quinn Jones and neighborhood residents. The introduction to this legacy begins with acquainting visitors with the people from the FAPS area and their personal triumphs and setbacks that illustrate important themes such as education and civil rights. The concept includes in addition to the house a small parking area to the west and an outdoor gathering space that could be developed on the vacant parcel located to the east of the house. The house layout envisions a visitor experience that begins at the front of the house with an orientation area that includes historical background presented on digital- and traditional displays. Visitors then proceed to the next room and experience interpretive themes that organize the personal narratives into broad categories. An interactive map of the FAPS neighborhood orients visitors to significant sites and events that were identified during the information gathering interviews. The next room features an introduction to the families and individuals whose narratives form the backbone of the project. After having gained perspective, visitors enter the A. Quinn Jones room that features

exhibits that highlight the educator's journey from rural farm worker to creator and principal of Lincoln High School. Some of his possessions will be featured to illustrate his character and views on education. Synergy envisioned that the house will contain a small theater and oral histories recording station. Synergy is developing cost estimates for the museum, which will be made available soon.

Land use change and rezoning – A. Quinn Jones House

The current land use and zoning categories of the A. Quinn Jones House are residential. CRA staff has submitted an application to the City of Gainesville to change the land use to Public Facilities and zoning to Public Service in order to develop the site for into a public museum.

Capital Campaign

CRA staff has determined that the best way to fund the house and exhibit design, trail design and construction of both projects is through a capital campaign. The kickoff for the campaign is being planned for late January 2011. Staff is preparing a list of donors and the campaign structure which will include a dedicated CRA account that can receive donations. The donated funds are necessary to move the next stage of design forward. Staff is working with the Legal and Finance Departments to establish accounting procedures for donated funds.

Proposed Exhibit on A. Quinn Jones

The Gainesville Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department approached the CRA with a proposal to display an exhibit on the legacy of A. Quinn Jones at the Thomas Center Galleries in February 2011. The CRA could provide assistance to this initiative once it is confirmed that the event will take place.

*Schedule:*

Start Capital Campaign – First quarter 2011  
Complete land use and zoning change – Second quarter 2011  
End Capital Campaign – Third quarter 2011  
Begin phase 2 design phase – Third quarter 2011 as funding allows

***Mr. Pearce voiced his reservations on the project. He did not agree to continuous funding of this project coming from the FAPS budget. He does not want to see the A. Quinn project become a continuous line item in the budget.***

Mr. Rose stated that we need to protect cultural heritage.

G. NEW BUSINESS

None

H. REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

None

I. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mr. Rose would like to see the sidewalk structure program instituted in the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Area. He thinks we need sidewalks poured. Staff stated that they would look at this with members during their next strategic planning session.

Ms. Parks voiced concerns with regards to how we are redeveloping Fifth Avenue. She pointed out that most people in the area do not live directly on Fifth Avenue. She would like to see staff work toward improvements such as the lighting, sidewalks, curb & gutter among other things for within the area not just on fifth avenue. She would also like to see the fencing and paint programs utilized more within the area.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

K. ADJOURNMENT – 6:25 pm