

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD METING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015, IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

The meeting began at 7:37p.m.

Members present were: Rick Ransom, Dea Zugby, Kevin Hammett, Jacquie Carrington, Janet Jacobs Parker, Jamie Krauk, Sherry Burks, Ed Putens, Council Liaison, and David Moran, Staff Liaison.

Also present was Bill Orleans.

Minutes from 4/16/2015

Jamie moved approval as amended. Sherry seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Planning of Quarterly Outreach Meetings

CRAB members discussed possible locations for these meetings. It was agreed to use City facilities when available. Other locations such as community meeting rooms were discussed. CRAB members wanted to avoid any room rental costs.

Next, CRAB discussed the agenda for these outreach meetings. Sherry suggested that CRAB “introduce” themselves by explaining what the Board does. Jamie suggested an overview document describing CRAB and the issues they had dealt with.

Janet expressed disagreement that CRAB needed to meet further, indicating there were avenues for residents to express their concerns and have their issues addressed.

Sherry believed that CRAB needed to listen to community concerns and then address these concerns and report back to Council. Kevin agreed and noted CRAB had been criticized in recent emails for not being more proactive.

Jacquie indicated CRAB’s purpose was going to change. Jamie clarified that CRAB’s purpose might not need to change, but CRAB’s “modus operandi” would likely change.

Ed stated that CRAB should serve the community as it sees fit and could change the way it operated. He indicated CRAB was collecting information and sharing it with Council. Ed suggested a list of CRAB’s actions over the past 10-15 years.

Rick indicated just because CRAB had operated a certain way in prior years, did not mean that CRAB couldn’t operate differently now.

Kevin stated there was a time when CRAB received a lot of referrals. He firmly believed that part of CRAB’s mandate was to meet with people, listen to them and report back to Council.

Rick recalled the referral regarding the Spellman Overpass and noted that if CRAB had been meeting regularly in the community, they might have heard about the overpass concerns earlier.

Jamie believed that CRAB had reached a consensus and needed to move forward.

CRAB discussed an outline of how these outreach meetings could be initially conducted:

1. Overview of CRAB/History of CRAB Action
2. Discussion of any pending Council referrals
3. Observations from CRAB members about what they are hearing “ear to the ground”
4. Input/Comments from the public

David agreed to obtain CRAB reports from the last 20+ years. Jamie agreed to draft a statement/overview of CRAB. Rick suggested CRAB members introduce themselves at the meeting and their philosophy/reasons for joining CRAB.

Ed observed that CRAB members could attend HOA and GEAC meetings.

CRAB wanted to hold the next meeting at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on August 13 or September 10.

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.