

**CITY OF WINTER HAVEN  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY – DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 8, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Lockhart called the meeting to order at 5:12p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members present:**

Robert Sammons, Rick Renardson, Steve Lockhart, Dave Dershimer, Julie Sands, and Panogiotis Iakovidis

**Members absent:**

Christopher Collany, Eve Strang Bass, Jessie Skubna (All Excused)

**Staff present:**

Deena Ware, CRA and Neighborhood Programs Manager

**Public present:**

Two.

Deena Ware confirmed a quorum.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Robert Sammons made a motion to approve Minutes from the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting, with corrections. Motion was seconded by Julie Sands, and carried in a unanimous vote.

**4. TIF Grant Application**

Deena Ware stated that Avenue F SW, LLC. requests the Downtown CRA Advisory Committee approve a facade grants for exterior improvements proposed for a properties located at 212 Avenue F, SW. The property is a 5-unit apartment complex with partial occupancy. Total expected cost of all improvements of 212 Avenue F, SW is \$148,800.

Deena Ware state that there are two types of Facade Grants available to applicants. The first program is a 50 percent match up to \$5,000 paid as a grant; and the second, which allows for reimbursement of 50 percent project costs up to \$15,000 as a TIF

rebate. The applicant has elected to apply for the \$15,000 TIF Rebate for this project.

Discussion ensued about the applicant receiving the grant only for the exterior repairs to the building to include: windows, exterior doors, and painting. A receipt of that work will be required.

Robert Sammons made a motion to approve the TIF Rebate for Avenue F SW contingent upon exterior work only and accompanying receipts. Motion was seconded by Julie Sands. Rick Renardson voted nay. (Yeas – 5, Nays – 1)

## 5. Other Business

### a. Comments from Staff

Deena Ware stated that Robert Stambaugh submitted a resignation letter.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2021.

Sunshine Law and Ethics Training is scheduled for March 13, 2021.

Deena Ware introduced Dan Chesnicka of Theatre Winter Haven to speak to the Committee.

Dan Chesnicka spoke on the financial decline of the Theatre, but was hopeful in partnering with the Downtown CRA for events.

### b. Comments from Committee

Robert Sammons expressed his sadness about Mr. Stambagh's resignation, but stated that he was a valuable member of the Committee during his tenure.

Dave Dershimer made a motion to advertise for the Downtown CRA Advisory Committee vacancy. Motion was seconded by Robert Sammons, and carried in a unanimous vote.

Robert Sammons made a motion for City Staff to work with Main Street Winter Haven and Theatre Winter Haven on a proposal for the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Dave Dershimer, and carried in a unanimous vote.


### c. Comments from the Public

Anita Strang of Main Street Winter Haven stated that she will work with staff on a proposal with Theatre Winter Haven.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Lockhart. Meeting adjourned 5:53 p.m.

**WINTER HAVEN CRA  
Downtown Advisory Committee**



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Steve Lockhart, Chair

**Attest:**



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Deena Ware, CRA & Neighborhood Program Mgr.