

**CITY OF ST. CLOUD  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)  
MINUTES  
1300 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET; BUILDING A, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 6:00PM**

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

- Chair Nathan Blackwell (present)
- Vice Chair Linette Matheny (absent)
- Member Dave Askew (present)
- Member Chuck Cooper (present)
- Member Keith Trace (present)
- Member Joel Davis (absent)
- Member Dwight Loeding (present)

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 11, 2019**

**Member Trace provided a motion to approve the minutes. Member Askew provided a second to the motion. *The vote was 5-0 with all members voting “aye.”***

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Property Acquisition: 918 New York Avenue – Update  
Mr. Dan Mantzaris, City Attorney provided an update to the property under contract. He informed the Board that the Phase II Environmental Study completed by Ardaman and Associates is underway and the only sampling left to conduct is the air quality sample.

David Rodriguez, Economic Development Manager informs the Board that he has reached out to try to establish contact with the owner on record, for the property adjacent to 918 New York, with no avail.

- Member Cooper questioned if the tank was still there. Mr. Mantzaris stated that the tank was not actually located on the property in question but adjacent to the property. He also states that he does not believe the tank is still located on the adjacent property but historical documents indicated that a tank was located there, thus the environmental study was initiated to rule out any leakage onto 918 New York Avenue.
- B. HWY 192 Irrigation Project
- Leslie Flores, Procurement Services Director informs the Board that the low bid has been reviewed and the engineer was asked what cost saving measures could be taken for this project, and their response was to have a battery-operated sprinkler system instead of hardwired.
  - Member Cooper questioned the length of the sprinkler system. Leslie states that it would be going from Budinger Avenue to Highway 15.

C. CRA Financials

- Ms. Shelley Watson, Community Redevelopment Specialist presented the BSIG program details and expended CRA funds to date.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**VII. STAFF REPORT/UPDATE**

Ms. Watson informed the Board that the new CRA Community Policing Plan began on April 1, 2019. Ms. Watson introduced Police Chief Gauntlet to say a few words about the program and how it will impact the community.

Chief Gauntlet stated that an open house will soon be announced and the substation has been renovated to house the new staff. He introduced all three officers: Officer Lin Badman-Paton, Officer Matthew Redditt, and Officer William Wager. The three officers will cover the CRA District and will be working within the boundaries.

**VIII. MEMBERS UPDATE**

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**X. INFORMATION**

Next CRA Meeting – Thursday, June 6, 2019

**XI. ADJOURNMENT 6:22pm**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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Nathan Blackwell, Board Chairman

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Jessie Light, CRA Secretary

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Date