

**CITY OF ST. CLOUD
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)
MINUTES
1300 9TH STREET; BUILDING A, 3RD FLOOR, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019 5:30PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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 Loeding 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. Purchase / Redevelopment 918 New York

Mr. André Anderson, Planning and Zoning Director informed the Board that the closing of the property occurred on April 30, 2019, and staff immediately began redevelopment activities such as cleaning up.

- Member Cooper requested that the awning in front of the building be covered.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorization to apply for Historic Preservation Grant for 918 New York Avenue

Mr. Anderson presented and explained the pros and cons of moving forward with the Historic Preservation Grant.

- The Board discussed the terms of the grant that was presented, and was in consensus to not move forward with the Historic Preservation Grant.

Mr. Anderson also presented to the Board the option to solicit a request for proposal (RFP), as a couple of individuals were interested in pursuing the property.

- Several Board members stated they would like to see something that would enhance our downtown such as a restaurant or similar food service, and were in agreement of accepting RFPs for review.

VII. STAFF REPORT/UPDATE

Ms. Shelley Watson, Community Redevelopment Specialist updated the Board on the open grant for The Transition House. She stated that they are seventy percent complete, and once this is completed there will not be any more outstanding grants for the current fiscal year. Ms. Watson also provided a summary of the CRA budget to date.

VIII. MEMBERS UPDATE

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was given

X. INFORMATION

Next CRA Meeting – Thursday, June 6, 2019

XI. ADJOURNMENT

6:04pm

Respectfully submitted:

Nathan Blackwell, Board Chairman

Date

Jessie Light, CRA Secretary

Date