

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Orange Blossom Trail Development Board, Orlando, FL, at the Holden Heights Community Center at 8:30 a.m. on the 24th day of August 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Bob Moser, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Directors Present: Bob Moser, Carolyn McClendon, Commissioner Victoria Siplin, Avery Donaudy, Chris Cucci, Tasha Golis

Directors Absent: Tangia Hill-Smikle, Jeff Robinson, III

Guests: Daniel Kilponen, Orange County Government

Staff Present: Roger Dixon, Project Manager; Jessica Darden, Program Specialist.
Marcia D. Davis, Executive Assistant

I. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Avery Donaudy, seconded by Commissioner Victoria Siplin, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

II. CRA PLAN UPDATE

R. Dixon provided updates. Statutory requirements associated with the CRA Plan may delay approval. An expansion request was put in place. OBT staff asked for the plan to be approved without the expansion. Motion by Tasha Golis, seconded by Commissioner Victoria Siplin, to approve the plan without the extension. Motion carried.

III. STAFF UPDATES

R. Dixon provided updates on the MSTU and CRA Maintenance Programs, and a follow-up on Blue Diamond USA. The BDUSA lease is paid up to date. OBT staff walked through the property with an architect to move forward on a required permit process for change of use. Before moving forward with funding, staff still needs, 1) an investor in writing, 2) product buyers, and 3) a business plan.

J. Darden provided updates on the Safe Neighborhood Program. The Defining Movement Back 2 School Jam on August 6, 2022, was a success. The Bike Rodeo, a bike safety event, is scheduled for August 31, 2022, at Pineloch Elementary School. J. Darden created a SNP Community Grant application for community-based projects and programs in the Holden Heights area. J. Darden visited and welcomed Sol Kitchen, a new restaurant in the CRA Project area. The owners are eager to get involved in the community. Social media accounts are monitored and updated several times per week.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

B. Moser opened the floor for continued discussion on OBTNext Initiatives, Projects, and community visibility, both long-term and by the end of the fiscal year. He asked for suggestions and ideas from Board members. The following ideas were suggested: bus stop upgrades, increased trash pickups (between 1-4 and Florida Mall), repair Holden Heights signs, refresh landscaping, continued sidewalk repairs, meet with landlords/owners of dilapidated commercial buildings, revisit façade grant program to improve buildings, signage, painting, etc., OBTNext branding stickers and flags, Business of the Month program, welcoming new businesses, and increased home repairs with Rebuilding Together.

J. Darden shared details on her August 11, 2022, meeting with Street Graffiti Solutions regarding pole wraps and artwork for electric boxes. B. Moser suggested providing art students or young artists the opportunity to paint the boxes.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by

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