

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 23rd day of March, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Bob Moser, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Present: Avery Donaudy, Carolyn McClendon, Tangia Smikle, Bob Moser, Tasha Golis, Jeff Robinson, III

Absent: Commissioner Victoria Siplin, Lacey Nelson, Brandon Lee

Guests: Daniel Kilponen, Orange County Government; Tom Kohler, GAI Consultants, Inc.; Frank Wells, CEO, Hous'd; David Hodges, West Lake Community resident.

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

I. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Tasha Golis, seconded by Tangia Smikle, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

II. APPROVE OBT CRA PLAN UPDATE

The CRA Plan Update was revised as a result of Orange County and City of Orlando staff review. V. Pinkney requested official adoption of the plan. This is the next step towards official adoption by the Orange County BCC. Motion by Carolyn McClendon to approve the CRA Plan Update. Seconded by A. Donaudy. Motion carried.

III. BLUE DIAMOND USA FUNDING

R. Dixon proposed a Phase II of the Blue Diamond USA project. He requested the board consider additional funding of \$100,000 since several delays and costs prohibited the project moving to the production stage. If approved, the funding will be deposited directly to the BDUSA business bank account to assist credibility with their vendors. BDUSA will submit receipts for a draw on the \$25,000. Purchases exceeding \$1,000 will require two signatures, one from OBTDB and the other from BDUSA. If approved by OBTDB, the request will be submitted to Orange County legal for review and finalization. Motion by A. Donaudy for the Board to agree with OBT staff recommendation up to \$100,000 providing BDUSA agrees to increase their in-kind provision of block to equal the total amount of the total grant funding of \$200,000. It was seconded by Tasha Golis. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Mr. Frank Wells, CEO of Bright Community Trust and Hous'd shared information with the board on Community Land Trusts (CLT) and how his company has utilized the tool to steward affordable housing, commercial spaces, and other community assets, on behalf of a community. A CLT may help mitigate the negative impacts of gentrification and displacement.

V. RESIDENT COMMENT ON CLT – Mr. David Hodges, West Lakes Community, Resident

David Hodges spoke on the pros and cons of CLTs. Mr. Hodges has strong feelings on both sides and said CLTs give protection on some things depending on who needs the help. CLT is a tool that can work to further some resident's goals.

VI. New Business - N/A

VII. Public Comment - N/A

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by

Marcia D. Davis