

A meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, Second Floor, Veterans Conference Room, Orlando, Florida. Chair, Eugene Jones called the meeting to order at 3:27 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eugene Jones, Chairman  
Kimberly Stewart, Vice Chair  
Rachel Moalli  
Steve Garrity  
Doug Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Emily Bonilla

STAFF PRESENT: David Barilla, Executive Director  
Justin Eason, Assistant Director  
Stacey Adams, Chief Assistant City Attorney  
Felix Roman, Board Secretary  
Kelly Allen, Marketing and Communications Manager  
Charles Zollars, Economic Development Coordinator  
Christina Hyson, Project Manager  
Gerhard van der Snel, Downtown Facilities Supervisor  
Hareton Tejada, CRA Operations Manager  
Tiffany Stephens, Fiscal Manager  
Christel Brooks, Fiscal Coordinator  
Michael Whiteman, Economic Development Coordinator  
Mary-Stewart Droege, Project Manager  
Samantha Levine, Housing and Homelessness Initiatives Manager  
Jeremiah Caret, Project Manager  
Rose Garlick, Discover Downtown Manager  
Martin Hudson, Urban Project Manager

### **Approval of Minutes**

- a. A motion was made by Doug Taylor and seconded by Kimberly Stewart to approve the August 28, 2024 CRA Advisory Board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Public Comment:** None

### **New Business:**

- a. **Amendment Five to Amended and Restated Open Space Agreement – Christina Hyson, Project Manager**

In December 2019, the City of Orlando (City) and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) entered into an Open Space Agreement to establish details and funding obligations of upcoming projects in plazas and open spaces within the CRA boundary. The City then entered into a contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in 2023 to design a public space beneath the elevated bridge beams of Interstate 4 (I-4), between W Church Street (south boundary) and W Washington Street (north boundary). Initially referred to as the "Bridge District" then "Under-i", the vision and plans for the project have developed into The Canopy. This fifth amendment to the Open Space Agreement is necessary because the CRA desires for additional items to be included in the overall design of The Canopy.

AECOM has provided a proposal for \$269,298 for the design of restrooms and raised platforms. Incorporating public restrooms into the project will ensure visitors to this major

destination have access to these essential facilities, and the raised platforms will add special vantage points for visitors to enjoy the space. Additionally, AECOM has obtained a subcontractor, UAP, which has submitted a proposal for \$223,333 to design large artistic trees that will be distributed throughout the project. The trees will provide an immersive art element to the overall design, which is an integral component to placemaking and transforming the space into The Canopy. The total cost of the additional design services will not exceed \$492,631.00.

The Downtown Orlando Community Redevelopment Area Plan (Redevelopment Plan) addresses activating vacant and underutilized areas. Further, the 2023 Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan outlined a strategy for the CRA to achieve this goal through supporting and funding the implementation of the Under-i elements, and supporting features, including infrastructure improvements, amenities, design, construction, wayfinding, associated streetscape and road improvements, to transform the space into a unique outdoor immersive destination environment while accommodating multi-modal transportation and parking needs. The additional improvements outlined in the proposed Amendment Five to the Open Space Agreement are consistent with the goals and strategies provided in the Redevelopment Plan.

Staff requested that the CRA Advisory Board recommend to the CRA approval of Amendment Five to the Amended and Restated Open Space Agreement with the City of Orlando, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's office, and authorization for the Chairman to execute the Amendment.

A motion was made by Kimberly Stewart and seconded by Rachel Moalli, to recommend approval of Amendment Five to the Amended and Restated Open Space Agreement with the City of Orlando, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's office, and authorization for the Chairman to execute the Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

- a. The next regularly scheduled Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Veterans Conference Room.


### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board, Chair Eugene Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.



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David Barilla  
Executive Director



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Felix Roman  
Board Secretary