

**Official Minutes of
MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

April 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners met as the Marion County Community Redevelopment Agency Board (MCCRAB) in a special session at 1:54 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Michelle Stone, District 5; Vice-Chairman Kathy Bryant, District 2; Commissioner Matthew McClain, District 3; and Commissioner Carl Zalak, III, District 4. Commissioner Craig Curry, District 1, arrived shortly after the meeting commenced. Also present were County Attorney Matthew G. Minter, County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes, Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Angel Roussel and ACA Tracy Straub.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Deputy Clerk Lewter presented Proof of Publication No. 9676421 entitled, "Notice of 2024 Schedule of Meetings Marion County Community Redevelopment Agency", published in the Star Banner newspaper on January 16, 2024.

The Deputy Clerk was in receipt of a 39 page Agenda packet.

1. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

1.1 Approval of Marion County Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes:

- February 21, 2023
- March 21, 2023
- June 20, 2023
- September 19, 2023
- October 17, 2023
- December 19, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to adopt the meeting minutes of February 21, March 21, June 20, September 19, October 17, and December 19, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (4-0).

2. SCHEDULED ITEMS:

2.1. Request Approval for the Silver Springs Community Redevelopment Area Sign Grant Program (Budget Impact – Neutral)

Senior Planner Chris Rison, Growth Services, presented the following recommendation:
Description/Background: The Marion County Community Redevelopment Agency offers grant programs to support investment for new and existing development in the Silver Springs Community Redevelopment Area. Signage has previously been part of the Facade and Building Improvement Grant Program. To encourage and support signage improvements, a targeted Sign Grant Program is proposed to

address on-site advertising signs, on-site wall/awning signs, and on-site wayfinding signs for all properties in the Silver Springs Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). Varied grant amounts are proposed based on the location of a site with higher grant amounts on more significant roadways. Further, the grant will require all funded signs to comply with the Silver Springs CRA Overlay area's sign design standards, even for signs located outside the formal Overlay area, to create a "visual connection" throughout the overall Silver Springs CRA. Maximum grant award amounts will remain subject to available budgeted funds in the "Grants & Aid" line item at the time a grant application is filed.

The proposed roadway segments and grant amounts are summarized below:

1. East Silver Springs Boulevard - from west CRA boundary to Northeast 60th Place 75% or \$15,000, whichever is less.
2. Northeast 58th Avenue - from East Silver Springs Boulevard to Northeast 7th Street 50% or \$8,000, whichever is less.
3. Northeast 55th Avenue - from East Silver Springs Boulevard to Northeast 36th Place 50% or \$8,000, whichever is less.
4. All other CRA roadways 50% or \$3,000, whichever is less.

Staff recommends approval of the Sign Grant Program, the Application, and the supporting information.

Budget/Impact: Neutral, funds budgeted.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve creating the Silver Springs CRA Sign Grant Program, the Application, and the supporting information.

Senior Planner Chris Rison, Growth Services, provided a brief overview of the Silver Springs CRA Sign Grant Program. He stated there was a scrivener's error and the 3rd road segment should read 38th Place, not 36th Place. Mr. Rison advised that staff is recommending approval and adoption of the Sign Grant program.

Commissioner Curry arrived at 1:56 p.m.

Chairman Stone questioned if the Proof of Publication was done correctly. Mr. Rison advised that it is accurate, noting all meetings for the year were advertised in one publication.

In response to Commissioner Zalak, Mr. Rison stated this is a reimbursement program. A motion was made by Commissioner Zalak, seconded by Commissioner McClain, to approve creating the Silver Springs CRA Sign Grant Program, the Application, and the supporting information. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Rison advised that the next MCCRAB meeting will be held on June 19, 2024 and will contain budget items for Board review. He stated the BCC approved a workshop (Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.) to discuss the Silver Springs CRA Master Plan Update, noting a separate meeting will be held at a later date to consider approval of the Master Plan.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the MCCRAB, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Michelle Stone, Chairman

Attest:

Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk

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