Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting
Monday January 26, 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Community Development Board met for the purpose a regular Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting on Monday January 26, 2004 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Castro, Vice-Mayor G. Chuck Balius, Commissioners Longtin (arrived at 7:50), Otterson and Garretson (left at 8:11 pm), Board-member Patricia Plasket. and Town Manager Doug Drymon.

Mayor Castro called the Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to add a discussion item about a CRA consultant and Vice Mayor Balius made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin			Absent
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		
Board member Gerald Foland			Absent
Board member Patricia Plasket	X		

Motion passed 5-0

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Balius to approve the agenda as amended and Commissioner Otterson seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin			Absent
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		
Board member Gerald Foland			Absent
Board member Patricia Plasket	X		

Motion passed 5-0

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2003 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: A motion to approve the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2003 was made by Vice Mayor Balius and seconded by Commissioner Otterson.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin			Absent
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		
Board member Gerald Foland			Absent
Board member Patricia Plasket	X		

Motion passed 5-0

PRESENTATIONS
None

DISCUSSION ITEMS
Extension of Park Avenue

Town Manager Doug Drymon presented the plans for extending Park Avenue to the west. He then requested direction from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) on how they wanted to proceed.

The Board questioned the funding for the project. Mr. Drymon stated that there is grant funding from the Economic Development Agency (EDA) available with matching funds. The cost of relocating the Public Works Department was brought up. Mr. Drymon explained that the Public Works Department would be moved to the west with Tower Road to the north and Park Avenue extension to the south.

Vice Mayor Balius feels that the Town would be getting rid of a prime piece of property (Public Works) and would be putting in a road.

Commissioner Garretson said that he does not see any need for the extension, that there is not very much traffic on the roads that are there now.

Board member Plasket expressed concern over the businesses on Watertower Road. Would the businesses be helped by diverting traffic to the Park Avenue extension? The Board did not think it would help.

Commissioner Otterson explained that the Town needed more traffic concurrency in order to attract large businesses into that area.

Commissioner Longtin recommended that the business owners on Watertower Road be contacted and asked for their opinion on what they would like to have done with the monies.

Kitty Humphrey, who is a business owner on Watertower Road requested that the excess monies from the assessment be given back to the property owners.

MOTION: **Board member Plasket made a motion to have staff research the possibility of organizing a meeting with property owners who are affected by the assessment on Watertower Road and to have the Attorney report on how the monies may be returned, if possible. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Balius.**

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson			Absent
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		
Board member Gerald Foland			Absent
Board member Patricia Plasket	X		

Motion passed 5-0

Commissioner Longtin requested that staff provide the history (timeline) of how and why the assessment originated.

It was the consensus of the CRA not to participate in the extension of Park Avenue.

CRA Consultant
The CRA authorized Town Attorney Thomas Baird to invited Mr. Chris Brown to the next CRA meeting to give a presentation on what his company does as a consultant to a CRA.

Park Avenue Alleyway
Contracts have been signed and the company has 45 days to deliver the construction documents. There will be an update at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Community Redevelopment Board, after a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Plasket, seconded by Commissioner Longtin, by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Paul Castro

Town Clerk, Carol Simpkins
Approved on this 19th day of April, 2004.