

Community Redevelopment Agency
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2025

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) of the City of Titusville, Florida met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

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Call to Order/Determination of a Quorum

Chairperson Connors called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Chairperson Andrew Connors, Vice-Chairperson Herman Cole, Jr. Col USAF Retired, and Members Megan Moscoso, Jo Lynn Nelson, Dr. Sarah Stoeckel, Greg Aker and Jim Ball, Executive Director Scott Larese, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Attorney Richard Broome, and Sr. Administrative Assistant Emily Campbell were also present. Sr. Administrative Assistant Emily Campbell completed the minutes of the meeting.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Connors asked for a moment of silence and then led the entire assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*. Sr. Administrative Assistant Emily Campbell read the procedure for public comment.

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Approval of Minutes –

The request was to approve the minutes of the regular Community Redevelopment Agency meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Council took no action, staff would request approval at the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting on April 8, 2025.

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Special Recognitions and Presentations – None.

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Old Business – None.

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New Business

Internal Pedestrian Speed Study TPD – Executive Director Larese advised that the City of Titusville Police Department and Code Enforcement worked together on an internal pedestrian and speeding study.

Titusville Police Department Commander Wright provided a powerpoint that highlighted as follows:

- CRA Pedestrian/Traffic Study
- Julia Street / South Hopkins Avenue Historical Crash Data 1/1/2012 – 1/22/2025 13 year span
- Julia Street / South Washington Avenue
- Julia Street / South Washington Avenue Crash Data 1/1/2012 – 1/22/2025
- Morning Car Counts and Violations at S Washington Avenue at Julia Street 1/23/2025-1/24/2025 8:30 – 10:30 AM
- Afternoon Car Counts and Violations at S Washington Avenue at Julia Street 1/23/2025 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- Traffic Data Collector 1/17/2025 – 1/18/2025
- Traffic Data Collector Seven (7) Day Study Saturday 02/08/2025 – Saturday 02/15/2025
- Social Media / PSA Campaigns for Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety
- Operation Best Foot Forward Through Bike Walk Central Florida Coalition
- Operation Best Foot Forward Through Bike Walk Central Florida Coalition Results
- What Does the Data Tell Us?
- Area of Concern S Washington Avenue between South Street and Julia Street
- Area of Concern S Washington Avenue at Palmetto Street
- Area of Concern S Washington Avenue at Pine Street
- Recommendations

Member Nelson stated that she was in support of more signage and the Titusville Police Department implementing additional decoy details.

Member Ball discussed the disparity in the signage for the crosswalks in downtown Titusville. He asked if the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) would install new signage or replace existing signage with more visible signage.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams stated that if the CRA was in support, she could make a formal request to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to process an evaluation of

the rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) installation at Palmetto Street and Julia Street and other signage improvement recommendations along the corridor.

Member Ball stated that the Titusville Police Department recommended the rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at Pine Street and he supported the request to FDOT. Member Ball also recommended that the CRA request an evaluation for rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at the senior tower and on the south bound side of Pine Street and Palmetto Street.

Member Ball stated that he was in support of additional signage including dynamic speed feedback signs (DSFS) that display the speed of approaching vehicles on a digital board.

Motion: Member Ball moved to direct staff to send a formal request to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to process an evaluation for the rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) at the crosswalks of South Washington Avenue and North Washington Avenue at Pine Street and Palmetto Street and at the crosswalk on Indian River Avenue in front of the Titusville Tower Assisted Living Facility. Also, direct staff to request additional signage that was consistent for all pedestrian crossings in downtown Titusville. Member Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Member Ball stated that he was in support of the Titusville Police Departments recommendation for the CRA to model pedestrian crosswalks similar to what was seen in the Indian Harbour Beach/Satellite Beach area.

Member Nelson asked about using bollards along the sidewalk in downtown Titusville to protect pedestrians.

Titusville Police Department Commander Wright stated that bollards were typically used to block off a parking lot to prevent access. He stated that they could potentially be strategically or proactively added to the crosswalks.

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Fiscal Year 2024 City of Titusville Community Redevelopment Agency Annual Report – Executive Director Larese advised the request was to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report for the City of Titusville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and approve transmittal of the report to the CRA's creating municipality (City of Titusville) to meet the March 31st deadline. After the financial audit information has been completed, it will be added to the report, posted as required by Florida Statutes and courtesy copies will be sent to the taxing authorities in the County.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report for the City of Titusville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and approve transmittal of the report to the CRA's creating municipality (City of Titusville) to meet the March 31st deadline. Member Ball seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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FY 2026 Community Redevelopment Agency Preliminary Budget – Executive Director Larese advised the request was to provide direction to staff regarding the FY 2026 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Budget.

Staff was in the process of preparing the Fiscal Year 2026 CRA Budget. Direction was being requested from the Board regarding the budget. Last year's projects involved new sidewalks, Broad Street Parking (impervious), Indian River Bioswale LID project, Trail Town Amenities (shade structures, new banners, new directory kiosks, parking signs, etc.), and building renovation grants.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams reviewed the proposed capital improvement projects as follows:

- Pedestrian Crosswalks, Signage & Safety Improvements - \$267,127
- Broad Street Parking - \$100,000
- Additional funds for pervious parking
- Building Grant Renovations - \$110,000
- Trail Town Amenities - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) report recommendations - \$20,000
- Public Art - \$20,000

Member Ball stated that he reviewed the Redevelopment Plan update from 2022 and discussed Goal 7.1 - Safe community initiatives implementation. Member Ball suggested that staff created a line item that was recurring in the CRA budget for safe community initiatives implementation that included crosswalk improvement, cameras, improved lighting, signage and awareness.

Member Moscoso discussed the maintenance of the parks in downtown Titusville. She stated that there was a lot of trash that gathered at Scobie Park. She stated that the grass was mowed every eight days and that was when the trash was picked up. Member Moscoso suggested more maintenance for Scobie Park and the riverfront in the downtown area.

Member Nelson asked about the maintenance of the monuments at Space View Park.

Chairperson Connors stated that there was not a Memorandum of Understanding for the responsibility of maintaining the monuments in Space View Park.

Executive Director Larese stated that Brevard County Parks and Recreation maintained Space View Park, including the monuments.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams stated that staff could have discussions with Brevard County Parks and Recreation regarding the maintenance at Space View Park.

Member Stoeckel discussed rollover funds and asked if the CRA was allowed to change the CRA plan if they did not want to spend money on public art.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams stated that the CRA did not have to spend funds on public art at this point. She discussed Goal 3.3 of the CRA Plan Update - Support and promote the installation of public art within the CRA and stated that the goal related to the expansion of the Titusville Playhouse.

Member Stoeckel stated that she was in support of hearing feedback from the downtown merchants to see how the CRA could support them. Member Stoeckel was in support of increasing the safety and foot traffic in downtown Titusville.

Member Moscoso discussed a muralist that offered to paint a mural downtown for free that was focused on ways to preserve the environment. She stated that she was in support of this, especially if the mural focused on ways to protect the Indian River Lagoon.

The Community Redevelopment Agency discussed increasing pedestrian safety with crosswalk improvement, cameras, improved lighting, signage and awareness. They also discussed maintenance of the parks, additional murals, and increasing the foot traffic in downtown.

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Purchase of Replacement Shade Structures – Executive Director Larese advised the request was to recommend to City Council to authorize the OEM purchase of the fabric replacement for the shade structures in both Julia and Nevins Courts in an amount not to exceed \$82,481.50 from Rep Services, Inc. of Longwood Florida, the original equipment manufacturer. (OEM).

For the FY 25 budget, funds were recommended by the CRA to be placed in the Trail Town Amenities project for the replacement of the shade structure fabric due to the age and condition of the current fabric. A quote was received from REP Services, the OEM designer and installer of the shade structures, for purchase of the fabric replacement in the amount of \$82,481.50. Purchasing & Contracting was currently negotiating with REP Services to secure the best possible pricing, leveraging a purchasing cooperative the company has been awarded. Public Works staff would conduct the installation.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to recommend approval to the City Council to authorize the purchase of the fabric replacement for the shade structures in both Julia and Nevins Courts in an amount not to exceed \$82,481.50 from Rep Services, Inc. of Longwood Florida, as recommended. Vice-Chairman Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Petitions and Request from the Public Present

Stan Johnston discussed the sewage spills and the fountains at Sand Point Park, etc. Mr. Johnston stated that it was dangerous for the City to leave the fountains on at Sand Point Park after the sewage spill.

Lisa Mosier stated that the maintenance of downtown Titusville looked great, but suggested the City pressure washed the sidewalks in that area.

Toni Shifalo discussed the Historic Preservation Board budget, which included a \$260 allocation for the Inspire Placemaking Collective's review of the SpaceX proposal and a call with staff. She also raised concerns about the increasing frequency of trains in Titusville, noting that they caused noticeable shaking in her historic home. Additionally, she expressed worries about the potential impact of the SpaceX Starship rocket on historic homes in the area.

Anel Sanchez stated that there was intensive research when rockets were launched to ensure that the residents were not affected. Mr. Sanchez thanked the Titusville Police Department for their Internal Pedestrian Speed Study in downtown Titusville.

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Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Larese submitted his written report and advised that all items were informational only.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.