

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)
OFFICIAL AGENDA
August 13, 2024 2:00 p.m.**

**Municipal Administration Building
Commission Chambers
201 W. Central Avenue
Lake Wales, FL 33853**

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
2. COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

Public participation from residents, taxpayers, business owners, and utility customers is encouraged. The CRA Board welcomes information that would assist them in considering agenda items, CRA business, and otherwise fulfilling the City's mission to make Lake Wales "a bit better or more beautiful" for its citizens.

Anyone wishing to speak should give their name, state if they are a resident, taxpayer, business owner, or utility customer and they will have 5 minutes. Courtesy and respect is the hallmark.

Speakers are expected to address the Board and not audience members, and not engage in back and forth discussions that can deteriorate into argument, debate and accusations.

Questions about subject matter are best directed to city staff during normal business hours

Documents:

[COMMENT CARDS CRA 8 13 2024.PDF](#)
[BENNETT STATEMENT.PDF](#)
[STATEMENT CRA LAKE WALES 081324.PDF](#)

3. Minutes - July 9, 2024
[JULY 9, 2024](#)

4. CRA Resolution 2024-20 To Adopt Updated Lake Wales Community Redevelopment Plan And Expansion Area.

The CRA will be presented with an updated Resolution to consider implementing the update to the Lake Wales Community Redevelopment Plan, affirming the findings of the existence of blighted areas in the city and memorializing the expansion of the CRA boundaries.

Documents:

[081224 MEMO CRA AMENDMENT.PDF](#)
[CRA RESOLUTION 2024-20 ADOPT PLAN AND EXPANSION.PDF](#)
[LAKEWALESPLANUPDATE_2023_EX A.PDF](#)

5. Down Payment Assistance (DPA)

The purpose of this request is to consider the increase of Down Payment Assistance (DPA) to \$40,000.

Documents:

[AGENDA MEMO_ INCREASE DPA.PDF](#)

6. Lake Alta Vacant Land Contract

Staff is requesting CRA Board approval of the Lake Alta Vacant Land Contract between J. Walter Homes, Inc. and the Lake Wales Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

Documents:

[MEMO LAKE ALTA VACANT LAND CONTRACT.PDF](#)
[VACANT LAND CONTRACT -CRA.PDF](#)
[APPRAISAL OF 0 3RD STREET N.PDF](#)

7. The Donation Of Three Parcels To The Real Estate Foundation To Be Redeveloped For Affordable Housing

The purpose of this request is to consider the donation of three parcels owned by the CRA to the Real Estate Foundation.

Documents:

[CRA AGENDA ITEM - DONATION OF THREE CRA PROPERTIES-THE REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION.PDF](#)

8. A Funding Request To The Real Estate Foundation For The Development Of Affordable Homes.

The purpose of this request is to consider the funding request of \$124,160 to the Real Estate Foundation for the development of three affordable homes.

Documents:

[CRA AGENDA ITEM - FUNDING REQUEST - THE REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION.PDF](#)

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

11. ADJOURN

Note: The full staff memo will be incorporated into the official record

Minutes of the CRA meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. The minutes are recorded, but are not transcribed verbatim. Persons requiring a verbatim transcript may make arrangements with the City Clerk to duplicate the recording, or arrange to have a court reporter present at the meeting. The cost of duplication and/or court reporter will be the expense of the requesting party.

Persons who wish to appeal any decision made by the CRA Board with respect to any matter considered during this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the office of the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting.