



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

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# Community & Economic Revitalization Committee (CERC)

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**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

**5:30 PM**

**Room 112**

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### Special Meeting of the City Council to Conduct Business of the CERC

#### 1. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 3 - Chair Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper and Councilmember Julie Hankins

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor Stephen Buxbaum  
Councilmember Steve Langer  
CP&D Director Keith Stahley

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.A [15-0408](#) Approval of March 30, 2015 Community & Economic Revitalization Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

#### 4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 4.A [15-0397](#) Community Renewal Area Request for Proposal Process

Director Stahley stated the CRA process is consistently interacting with the Downtown Strategy, which presents an opportunity for both projects to support one another. The CERC considered how to more closely align the CRA Plan and RFQ with the Downtown Strategy. The CRA is still a separate action, with exclusive decisions and developer consultation, but now they are both on a similar timeline. The CERC agreed to work to link these processes more closely, including working actively with a Downtown Strategy consultant in the review of the responses to the RFQ. The CRA process is supported by the cooperation of the community and developers working

with the City. Additionally, the majority of land owners in the Isthmus area are open to negotiations and efforts will be put towards a master plan.

Following a discussion of Inclusion of the Isthmus and the Griswold's Block in the RFQ, the Committee asked staff to develop a pro forma for the Griswold's property to determine what the redevelopment gap is associated with the property and to better understand what the barriers to redevelopment of the property are.

Councilmember Cooper suggested that the Committee support and recommend the Water Street Area as the City's first redevelopment focus area to be included in the RFQ. The Committee agreed.

The discussion was opened to the community.

Citizens Kris Goddard and Lee Montecucco commented on the CRA process and the options being considered.

The CERC will hold an open house on May 16 in the Council Chambers. It is an opportunity to inform the community and receive input on the CRA. The event will transition directly into a City Council work session, which will utilize information collected at the open house.

**The discussion was completed.**

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.