



City of Pensacola

WESTSIDE REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL
32502

March 17, 2026

3:30 PM

Hagler Mason Conference Room,
2nd Floor, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The Westside Redevelopment Board (WRB) meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Lennon at 3:37 p.m. Chairperson Davis arrived at 3:39 p.m. and thereafter assumed presiding duties.

ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Members Present: Joe Lennon, Michelle Press (Left at 5:20 P.M.), Leah Langford (Left at 5:20 P.M.), Michael Hayes (Left at 6:02 P.M.), Andrea Greer, C. Marcel Davis (arrived at 3:39 P.M.) Ex-Officio Jennifer Brahier

Members Absent: None

Quorum was present.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Anna Kate Baygents, Assistant Economic Development Director, presented a Google Map illustrating the locations of CRA projects within the Westside Redevelopment district. (This was called and discussed after approval of minutes.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 26-350 WRB MEETING MINUTES 12/16/2025

A motion to approve was made by Board Member Press and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lennon.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 Joe Lennon, Michelle Press, Leah Langford, Michael Hayes, Andrea

Greer, C. Marcel Davis
No: 0 None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 26-298 WESTSIDE PROJECT PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Hilary Halford, CRA Programs Officer, introduced the item and provided updates on the progression of the Small-Scale Rental Development Program Policy, the Gibson School, and the Alice Williams Rehabilitation Project.

Amanda Childers, CRA Program Coordinator, presented the status of the Residential Property Improvement Program and the Resiliency Program.

Shirley Baylis, CRA Program Manager, provided an update on the Commercial Property Improvement Program.

Ann Teston, Incentives and Land Development Program Manager, provided updates on the HBA infill projects located at 2300 W.E. Jackson Street and 1491 N. E Street. A request was made for the Community Land Trust resale formula, and Ms. Teston advised that she would provide the information. She also reported on the status of redevelopment efforts at 2305 and 2301 W. Cervantes Street.

Victoria D'Angelo, CRA Administrative Officer, reported on the development of the Predevelopment Program.

Anna Kate Baygents, Assistant Economic Development Director, reported on the Baptist demolition project and stated that she would provide postcards for upcoming community engagement events.

Caitlin Cerame, Transportation Manager, and Brad Hinote, City Engineer, provided an update on the West Main Street Corridor design plans and Legion Field connectivity.

Staff answered questions accordingly.

ACTION ITEMS

3. 26-354 CONCEPT DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS - FLORIDA SUNTRAIL
DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT CONNECTOR PROJECT (WEST SEGMENT)

Victoria D'Angelo, CRA Administrative Officer, provided background on the item and introduced the presentation team. Chris Barnes, Principal Landscape Architect with Scape; Gabrielle Reashleigh, Associate with Scape; Matt Taylor, Principal with AtkinsRéalis; and Ken Good, Project Manager with AtkinsRéalis, delivered a presentation outlining the project design overview and key takeaways from the public engagement meeting held on February 24, 2026. Board Member Press requested access to the QR code, and Anna Kate Baygents, Assistant Economic Development Director, stated staff would provide.

A motion to recommend was made by Board Member Press and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lennon.

The recommendation is to evaluate for lighting options, low maintenance planting, garbage cans, the connectivity to L street and ADA compliance.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 Joe Lennon, Michelle Press, Leah Langford, Michael Hayes, Andrea Greer, C. Marcel Davis
No: 0 None

4. 26-300 CARRYOVER

Anna Kate Baygents, Assistant Economic Development Director, provided an overview of the item. Victoria D'Angelo, CRA Administrative Officer, also addressed the item and offered additional information.

A motion to approve was made by Vice Chairperson Lennon and seconded by Board Member Greer.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered questions accordingly. Chairperson Davis called for a vote to recommend to the Community Redevelopment Board (CRA) to approve the allocation of the FY2025 Non-Encumbered Carryover as presented by staff.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 Joe Lennon, Michael Hayes, Andrea Greer, C. Marcel Davis

No: 0 None

(Board Member Press and Board Member Langford Not Present)

5. 26-328 FY2027 WESTSIDE PROJECT PRIORITIES

Anna Kate Baygents, Assistant Economic Development Director, provided an introduction to this item.

A motion to Approve was made by Vice Chairperson Lennon and seconded by Board Member Hayes.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered questions accordingly. Chairperson Davis called a vote to approve priorities as currently listed.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 Joe Lennon, Michael Hayes, Andrea Greer, C. Marcel Davis

No: 0 None

(Board Member Press and Board Member Langford Not Present)

PRESENTATIONS

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chairperson Lennon inquired about roadway diets on Garden Street, and Victoria D'Angelo, CRA Administrative Officer, provided clarifying information. He also inquired about strategies to attract commercial businesses to the westside district, including the potential for a partnership with Pensacola State College's culinary program.

Chairperson Davis noted that Bright Bridge Ministries operates a kitchen program that educates and certifies individuals for employment in the culinary field and provides appropriate work attire.

Hilary Halford, CRA Programs Officer, stated that vacant commercial buildings are not readily available for use for this concept.

OPEN FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

6:07 P.M.

APPROVED

6/16/2026