

BRC (Blue Ribbon Committee) Meeting December 3, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Minutes

Chairman Dan Dodge called the December 3, 2024, meeting of the Blue-Ribbon Committee for acquiring the former Middle School to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present were John Newbold, Ron West, and Nancy Taylor. Dr. Kevin Jordan was absent. Also present were Commissioner William B. J. Laurie, liaison to the Crescent City, City Commission, City Clerk Karen Hayes, and guest Danny Miller.

The minutes from December 3, 2024, were approved as corrected via a motion from John Newbold, seconded by Ron West, and passed unanimously.

John Newbold said Charlie Douglas was concerned about Don Holmes's relationship with the school district. John Newbold also stated he would like to ask the State for funding to acquire the former middle school. John Newbold stated that the BRC has time to request it within this budget cycle. Should it wait until the next budget in 2026? John Newbold explained that the grant would need to be filled out by someone who knows how to write a grant and suggested the Interim City Manager and Commissioner Laurie or the City Grant Writer Fred Fox.

Ron West moved to apply for a two-million-dollar grant starting in 2025. John Newbold seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Laurie stated that the Title Report Opinion was unavailable now.

Commissioner Laurie introduced himself to REG and noted that 3-D scanning was underway. He then gave REG the option to go downstairs. Dan Dodge stated he would have liked him to go downstairs and mentioned viewing the downstairs next week.

Commissioner Laurie stated he would ask the Commission for an extension of six months for the BRC.

Danny Miller stated REG needed to evaluate the basement area as well. He also said the former middle school should be the top priority for the Crescent City request from the Legislation.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

MEETING CONNECTION INFORMATION:

You may view the meeting live on the City's YouTube channel. Go to www.crescentcity-fl.com and click on the YouTube link or go to

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCak1 v7UFM8nqIviX53nzaA

APPROVED on the 10th day of December 2024.

Karen Hayes, MMC, City Clerk

Daniel Dodge, Chair