

**APPROVED  
MEETING MINUTES  
MIDDLE RIVER SOUTH MIDDLE RIVER SUNRISE BOULEVARD  
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
CITY HALL  
100 N ANDREWS AVENUE, 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2, 2013 - 6:30 PM**

**Cumulative Attendance from October 2012**

| <b><u>Board Members</u></b>      | <b><u>Attendance</u></b> | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Absent</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Katharine Barry (arr. 6:50)      | P                        | 3                     | 1                    |
| Laura Croscenco                  | P                        | 4                     |                      |
| Shannon C Harmerling, Vice Chair | P                        | 3                     | 1                    |
| Christine Jones                  | P                        | 2                     | 2                    |
| Richard Gibson                   | A                        | 3                     | 1                    |
| Randall Klett, Chair             | P                        | 4                     |                      |
| Michael J Voder Meulen           | P                        | 4                     |                      |
| Tim Smith (via 'phone/dep. 7:50) | P                        | 3                     | 1                    |
| Ray Thrower                      | P                        | 4                     |                      |
| Ronald Weinbaum                  | A                        | 3                     | 1                    |

At this time there are 10 appointed members to the Board, 6 members in attendance constitute a quorum. It was noted that a quorum was present at the meeting.

**Staff**

Alfred Battle, Jr. Economic & Community Reinvestment Manager  
Eileen Furedi, Clerk II, Economic Development

**Communication to the City Commission**

**Motion** made by Member Vonder Meulen and seconded by Member Thrower to advise the City Commission of a Workshop scheduled for February 9 beginning at 9:00 a.m at Fire Station 29. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss 1)Design Guidelines 2) Façade Program and 3) Zoning Issues. Motion passed unanimously.

**I. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum**

Meeting was called to order and 6:40 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes as submitted, moved by Member Harmerling, seconded by Member Barry to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### **III. Zoning Changes**

Design Guidelines, ECR Manager Al Battle told the board that even though there's no money, members could discuss possible motifs for the new CRA, create visual examples of possible guidelines. Maybe using something similar to the South Andrews Master Plan or the Downtown Master Plan; or maybe a combination of both master plans.

Chair Klett even though the board is not financially ready they could start with something small or immediate that will let visitors know that they are in the MRSMRSB Area, also that there should be efforts made to unify the area since there are commercial/mixed use and residential properties in the area.

Member Smith, agreed, but the task is a daunting one. The board should come up with a generic them, something general, something that could be agreed after which other issues could be worked on.

Chair Klett asked Member Vonder Meulen, as a planner, to share his thoughts. Member Vonder Meulen suggested beginning with a generic plan/general ideas and go from there. Since there's no money, it would be some time before anything substantial could be done. It should be something that creates excitement, interest; something that everyone would notice – facades, landscaping. Member Vonder Meulen used the 4 blocks along 13<sup>th</sup> Street as an example; he also volunteered to create an outline.

Member Croscenco, spoke of MPO money, bike lanes and possible way of connecting 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Dixie Highway. Banners on 13<sup>th</sup> Street were also mentioned.

The board further discussed, lighting, wider sidewalks.

Member Smith, spoke about CDBG money for 13<sup>th</sup> Street which would qualify- matching funds as a revenue source for the next budget year

Chair Klett also suggested the removal of all chain link fences at the front of properties.

Member Smith suggested setting up a meeting with Commissioner Ryan

A date for the upcoming workshop was discussed and the consensus was February 9. Motion made by Member Barry seconded by Member Thrower to hold a workshop on February 9, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m at Station 21. Motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Broward Redevelopment Capital Program**

Will be discussed at the February 9, Workshop.

### **V. Communication to the CRA Board**

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There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.