

**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 FEBRUARY 6, 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 (via 'phone)	P	4	1
Laura Croscenco	A	4	1
Shannon C Harmerling, Vice Chair	P	4	1
Christine Jones	P	3	2
Richard Gibson	P	4	1
Randall Klett, Chair	P	5	
Thomas A. Maleta	P	1	
Michael J Vonder Meulen	P	5	
Tim Smith (dep. 7:50)	P	4	1
Ray Thrower	P	5	
Ronald Weinbaum	P	4	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  
Sandra A. Doughlin, Clerk III, ECR

**Communication to the City Commission**

There was none.

**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 Jones, seconded by Member Vonder Meulen to approve the minutes of January 2, 2013. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

New board member, general contractor Thomas A. Maleta, introduced himself to the board.

### III. Redevelopment Capital Bank Program

Referring to the information provided to the board, Member Vonder Meulen expressed concern that since the MRSMRSB Advisory Board has no funds, even with the capital bank program providing 20% reimbursement for the streetscape program, there's no way that this agency could utilize this type of funding. Member Barry also has some concerns regarding the job creation aspect of the Capital Bank Program.

Member Smith suggested that another criteria be added to increase the funding to 100% as was discussed and approved by the Broward County Commission in the spring of 2012. Member Barry stated that it seemed that county staff was averse to the adding additional projects.

ECR Manager Battle explained what occurred at the county meeting and that funding projects should be prioritized with more directions from Broward County.

Chair Klett, felt that the criteria were hastily put together and wondered how this could be addressed.

Member Barry voiced her concern that now there are a number of other "CRAs", Dania Beach, Lauderdale Lakes, Coral Springs competing for the same funding.

Member Smith reminded the board that back in the spring of 2012 the County Commission promised that the MRSMRSB Agency would get funding. He suggests that a copy of those minutes with the "promises" highlighted should be send to the county as a reminder of those promises.

Member Jones who attended the Broward Redevelopment Capital Program meeting on January 18, said that other members should have been present at that meeting which gave prospective applicants an opportunity to provide input, prior to the County Commission's approval of the Redevelopment Capital Bank Program.

After motion made, seconded and finally withdrawn; the board decided to request a letter from Mayor Seiler to the Broward County Commission reminding the commission of the following:

- I) Recalling their past actions, specifically spring of 2012
- II) Additional municipalities; thus lessening the "pot" more mouths to feed
- III) Streetscape match is in appropriate
- IV) Job creation should not be weighted at all, since the area, though depressed, has had minimal government investment.

Should the mayor decide to write the letter, Chair Klett would let Commissioner Ryan know that the letter was being sent.

Member Weinbaum noted that the County CRAs would obviously get first dibs.

Upon Member Barry's question of "job creations project", the board discussed the property located at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Sunrise Boulevard that's currently owned by the state (slated for a juvenile facility); maybe the state could sell it to the city and build possibly a car dealership, hardware store (Loews), and this would create jobs.

Mr. Battle reminded the board that the application process is still a work in progress and obviously needs more discussion.

#### **IV. Façade Renovation Program**

Chair Klett, thought that member Vonder Meulen would be making a presentation on this; however it was the design guidelines. Mr. Battle said using the current guidelines would be fine for the time being. Member Smith left at 6:40 p.m. after requesting that the board meeting should start 30 minutes earlier. Members present agreed. At this time Member Barry said that her battery was dying and phone connection was lost.

The board then discussed upcoming workshop and the primary objective. Mr. Battle reiterated that the primary objective of the workshop was to discuss section 5 of the development plan. Chair Klett suggested that Planning and Zoning staff be invited to the workshop.

The board also discussed things that could be done in the near future that would not require a lot of money, like pressure cleaning, removal of chain link fences, etc.

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

There was none.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.