

**APPROVED  
MEETING MINUTES  
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
CITY HALL  
100 N ANDREWS AVENUE, 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2013 - 6:00 PM**

Cumulative Attendance from October 2012

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Katherine Barry (arr. 6:33)	P	5	1
Laura Croscenco	P	5	1
Shannon C Harmerling, Vice Chair	P	5	1
Christine Jones	P	4	2
Richard Gibson	P	5	1
Randall Klett, Chair	P	6	
Thomas A. Maleta	P	2	
Michael J Vonder Meulen	P	6	
Tim Smith	P	5	1
Ray Thrower	P	6	
Ronald Weinbaum	P	5	1

At this time there are 11 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

**Communication to the City Commission**

Motion made by member Gibson and seconded by member Maleta, to make a request for City or CDBG funding in the amount of \$207,500 from the 2014 budget for a Façade Improvement Program in the amount of \$200,000 and \$7,500 for the installation of 3 donated statues. Statues will not be installed in the medians. Motion passed 9 to 2.

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Klett called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and roll was called.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** made by member Gibson, seconded by member Thrower to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2013. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously

**Motion** made by member Vonder Meulen, seconded by member Maleta to approve the minutes of February 9, 2013 Workshop. Member Vonder Meulen requested changes to the minutes on page 3. Also, member Thrower had some questions regarding information provided in the minutes about the façade improvement program. Mr. Battle addressed member Thrower's questions about the Façade Improvement Program. Upon approval of the minutes as amended; **motion** made by member Vonder Meulen, seconded by member Maleta to approve February 9, 2013 Workshop minutes as corrected. **Motion** passed unanimously.

### **III. Recap – February 9, 2013 Workshop**

Mr. Battle reiterated that the board may not see immediate results from their efforts, as traditionally with all new CRA's things tend to move slowly, and they should work on "low-hanging fruit". The CRA can work with the community, by attending community events, attaching the MRSMRAB name to events showing that they are involved. For now, the board should become involved with events that will not necessarily involve money. He also commended the board on their "energy" during the workshop.

Chair Klett, asked that member Smith speak to the board about the African sculptures that were donated to the community by the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Alliance; he also mentioned the painting of the murals. He then inquired about the CRA assisting with the relocation of the sculptures. Member Smith indicated that funding would be needed for the installation. Chair Klett suggested that funding could be requested from the City or from CDBG funding for the façade improvement program and also for the installation of the sculptures. Funding from the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Alliance was also discussed. The board discussed the amount of funding to request. After a lengthy discussion, the board decided on requesting that the city commission assist with funding, for façade improvement projects and the installation of the 3 donated sculptures.

The board discussed painting murals on the Maroone Art Building as another possible project for additional visibility within the community.

So that all members would become familiar with the Central City Area, a tour of the area was recommended.

Members discussed a number of funding options and funding amount, for the relocation of the sculptures and the façade improvement program. Members Barry and Jones withdrew their motion and second to the original request for \$50,000 for funding.

After member Croscenco inquired about making sure that the information on the façade improvement program was disseminated to the community; a number of methods of getting the façade improvement program information out to the neighborhood were discussed.

Board discussed funding 10 façade grants; and funding for the installation of the statues

Member Barry suggested using the NWPFH Façade Program as a model for the development of the Central City Program.

#### **IV. Communication to the City Commission.**

Motion made by member Gibson and seconded by member Thrower, to make a request for City or CDBG funding in the amount of \$207,500 from the 2014 budget for a Façade Improvement Program in the amount of \$200,000 and \$7,500 for the installation of 3 donated statues. Statues will not be installed in the medians. Motion passed 9 to 2.

Mr. Battle informed the board of its new name – Central City Community Redevelopment Agency; which was approved by the City Commission at the last commission meeting; and invited them to upcoming city sponsored events.

Member Maleta, asked about creating a mailing list to inform the community of the meetings... Additional workshops were also discussed as future events for the advisory board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.