

**APPROVED
MEETING MINUTES
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY HALL
100 N ANDREWS AVENUE, 8TH FLOOR
WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2013 - 6:00 PM**

Cumulative Attendance from October 2012

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Katherine Barry	P	7	1
Laura Croscenco	A	6	2
Shannon C Harmerling, Vice-chair (via phone)	P	7	1
Christine Jones	P	6	2
Randall Klett, Chair	P	8	0
Thomas A. Maleta	P	4	0
Michael J Vonder Meulen	P	8	0
Tim Smith	P	7	1
Ray Thrower	P	8	0
Ronald Weinbaum	P	7	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
Bob Wojcik, Planner III
Jorge Hruschka, Chief Community Service Officer
Sandra Doughlin, ECR

Communication to the City Commission

There was none.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Klett called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and roll was called.

II. Expression of Sympathy

Chair Klett in honor of Board Member Rick Gibson

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by member Vonder Meulen, seconded by member Harmerling to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2013. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously

The Chair recognized Justin Greenbaum, owner of the property located at Sunrise Boulevard and 4th Avenue.

IV. Broward Redevelopment Capital Program Application Review

Mr. Battle advised the board that at the last county commission meeting the Broward County Commission adopted the guidelines of the program and amended the program to increase the first funding cycle by \$2.5 M. The application deadline is July 10, 2013. Since the Board already has a project in mind (Complete Streets Project); they have an advantage to meet the application deadline. Staff/Bob Wojcik will assist with the application project.

Members discussed the criteria for applying. Concerns were expressed about the weighted criteria; specifically the removal of blighted conditions and the number of jobs created. The complete streets project will be difficult to meet with the criteria of job creation.

Motion made by Katharine Barry, seconded by member Maleta to submit make an application to the Broward County for funding of the Complete Streets Project from the north side of 13th Street to NE 3rd Avenue to 11th Avenue excluding the FEC railroad tracks right-of-way within the CRA boundary.

V. Commercial Façade Program

The Board discussed funding not less than 10 projects at \$20,000 each. The program area would be Sunrise Boulevard to NE 13th Street and Powerline Road to NE 4th Avenue.

Motion made by member Vonder Meulen, **seconded** by member Thrower to approve Commercial Façade funding program for the area bounded by Sunrise Boulevard, Powerline Road, NE 13th Street and NE 4th Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.

Eligible area for higher funding would be the 13th Street commercial area at \$20,000 per project.

It was also agreed that in addition to 13th Street, Sunrise Boulevard would also be a nice target for a very minimal amount of dollars for the first year of the façade program.

Motion made by member Smith, **seconded** by member Barry to make Sunrise Boulevard and 13th Street the priority streets for the Commercial Façade Program. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. State-owned Land – Sunrise Boulevard & 4th Avenue

Mr. Battle advised the board that the property was available for purchase for \$1.5M; proposals by sealed bids could be made on the property by July 11, 2013.

Mr. Greenbaum discussed what he would like to develop retail on property, retail, banks, restaurants, auto dealerships, etc.

Rezoning of the property would benefit the development of the property.

Mr. Battle informed the Board that staff would be attending the International Conference of Shopping Centers (ICSC) ReCON Real Estate Convention in Las Vegas and would be meeting with potential investors.

Chair Klett advised the Board that he'd met with Commissioner Trantalis and talked about the funding request made to the City Commission.

VII. Communication to City Commission

There was none.

VIII. Old/New Business

The board decided that the date for the upcoming workshop would be on Saturday, June 1, 2013; at Fire Station 22, if possible. A possible tour of the Central City Community Redevelopment Area during the workshop was also discussed. Transportation for the tour was also discussed, using a bus from Parks & Recreation.

Notice of the tour will be made public and if members of the public want to attend they should RSVP by a date certain.

Member Maleta asked about the current crime statistics for the area and was promised that the information would be provided possibly at the workshop meeting. A map would also be needed.

Member Maleta also advised the Board that he had spoken with the manager about the crime on NW 8th Avenue.

Member Jones told the Board that her association did not accept the statue offered by the 13th Street Alliance..

Motion made by member Thrower, seconded by member Harmerling to not meet in the month of July. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Member Harmerling and **seconded** by member Jones to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm.

[Minutes prepared by Sandra Doughlin, Clerk III]