

**APPROVED
MEETING MINUTES
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY HALL
100 N ANDREWS AVENUE, 8TH FLOOR
WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 2013 - 6:00 PM**

Cumulative Attendance from October 2012

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Katherine Barry	A	7	2
Laura Croscenco	P	8	1
Shannon C Harmerling, Vice-chair	A	7	2
Christine Jones	P	7	2
Randall Klett, Chair	P	9	0
Thomas A. Maleta	A	4	1
Michael J Vonder Meulen (via 'phone)	P	8	0
Tim Smith	A	7	2
Ray Thrower	P	9	0
Ronald Weinbaum	P	8	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
Sandra Doughlin, ECR

Communication to the City Commission

As additional information has become available **Motion** made by member Croscenco and seconded by member Thrower to redefine the scope of the project for the Broward Redevelopment Capital Program Application to include the western right of way of NE 4th Avenue, along NE 13th Street, from NE 4th Avenue to NE 9th Avenue to appropriately program the project to stay within the \$1.5M maximum application award.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Klett called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and roll was called.

Motion made by member Jones and seconded by member Weinbaum to approve attendance via telephone by members Smith, Vonder Meulen and Harmerling. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes was deferred until the August meeting upon correction of the minutes.

Motion, to defer the minutes made by member Weinbaum, seconded by member Thrower, motion passed unanimously.

III. Recap of CRA Bus Tour

Mr. Battle described the 90 - minute trolley- tour of the Central City, the areas visited. The western area along Sunrise Boulevard, Lauderdale Manors, the Middle River area, NW 8th Avenue, NW 11th Street and tour ended at 13th Street and back to Federal Highway. A number of concerns were noted as. Zoning issues, desire to create new zoning classifications, liquor stores, convenience stores, sidewalks (7th avenue and 11th street), vacant development sites, Sunrise Boulevard at 15th Avenue, (turn lane), property maintenance, façade improvement, chain link fences, unpaved streets, pedestrian lighting, long term plan for drainage, alley vacations, bill board removal, poorly kept commercial properties, buffering walls and yard fencing along NW 10th Place; commercial walls (Lauderdale Manors) too low and inconsistency in heights.

Redevelopment plans for commercial properties. The opening of a number of street closures for easier access to the neighborhood; plans for city-owned properties. Pockets of crime (church parking lot at 13th Avenue and Flagler Drive, convenience store at Sunrise and 15th Avenue), crime prevention, Pocket park locations, graffiti removal, maybe public art wall, identified a possible location at 11th Street at the FEC tracks was identified. Getting more information so that there is a better understanding about the development of transit station, long-term plans for drainage in the area, alley vacations locations were discussed, billboard removal, lack of street maintenance by the city, billboard removal. The possible creation of new zoning districts were discussed, i.e. Powerline Road, NW 11th Avenue, Sunrise Boulevard near Home Depot, Sunrise to north of 16 street and the commercial properties.

Chair Klett, also included NE 15th Avenue and around the railroad tracks should be included in the rezoning districts discussion; even though it's not part of the CRA. Residents have expressed the desire for this.

Al Battle promised to have this information and maps available so that members could have a better understanding of the areas discussed.

Member Croscenco asked if the possible rezoning districts would allow for the removal of the “multiple shacks” from the area and in doing so create opportunities for investors to build something larger.

Member Croscenco also had questions about city funding for BCIP and NCIP.

IV. Broward Redevelopment Capital Program Application

CRA staff (Bob Wojcik) provided to the board information and explained the BRP Grant application process. Project area has to be smaller because the actual dollars (\$1.5M) would not be enough (estimated cost would be \$4m per block) the suggested recommended area now would be 13th Street between 4th and 9th Avenues. Project should be under contract by September of 2014 and three years to complete.

V. Old New Business

The Board discussed partnering with the City for National Crime Night-out scheduled for August 6, 2013, participation of Parks and Recreation and the Police Department.

The elimination of liquor and convenience stores were also discussed. Special use permits, etc.

The Board voted to not meet in July.

Request for CDBG funding for the façade improvement project was discussed. Board also discussed the Dixie Highway project.

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VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

[Minutes prepared by Sandra Doughlin, Clerk III]