

**APPROVED
MEETING MINUTES
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY HALL
100 N ANDREWS AVENUE, 8TH FLOOR
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2013 - 6:00 PM**

Cumulative Attendance from October 2013

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Katherine Barry	A	0	1
Domingo Cid	P	1	0
Shannon C Harmeling, Vice-chair	P	1	0
Christine Jones (arr. 6:14)	P	1	0
Randall Klett, Chair	P	1	0
Thomas A. Maleta	P	1	0
Michael J Vonder Meulen (via 'phone)	P	1	0
Tim Smith (via 'phone)	P	1	0
Ray Thrower	P	1	0
Ronald Weinbaum	P	1	0

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 Doughlin, Clerk III, ECR

Communication to the City Commission

Motion made by Member Harmeling and seconded by Member Maleta requesting the City Commission to direct the City Clerk to send a letter to former board member Laura Croscenco, thanking her for her service on the Central City Advisory Board. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Motion made by Member Weinbaum and seconded by Member Jones requesting the City Commission to send a letter to the Broward Board of County Commissioners asking them to support the 13th Street Complete Street Project application of \$1.5M from the Broward Redevelopment Program. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Motion made by Member Maleta, seconded by Member Thrower to request City or Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$207,500, \$200,00 for Façade Improvement Program and \$7,500 for the installation of three donated statues. **Motion** passed unanimously.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

New board member Domingo Cid, was welcomed by the board.

II. Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2013 meeting.

Motion made by member Harmeling, seconded by member Maleta, to approve the minutes. **Motion** passed unanimously.

III. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Klett passed the gavel to Mr. Battle who opened the floor to nomination for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Battle opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Chair Klett nominated Shannon Harmeling, seconded by member Thrower, there were no other nominations. Vice Chair Harmeling was elected to continue as vice chair by acclamation.

Member Thrower nominated Chair Klett to continue as Chair; Member Maleta seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Chair Klett was elected to continue as chair by acclamation.

IV. Discussion Items – Justin Greenbaum – Property at Sunrise Blvd & 4th Avenue

Mr. Greenbaum provided the board with a status report of the progress being made regarding the purchase of this property. The closing is expected to occur January 2014. He has not made a decision as to what to do with the property; whether he will develop, lease or resell. He is also pulling permits to demolish the four surrounding properties that he currently owns. There were discussions as to what the board and Mr. Greenbaum would like to see on the property, a hotel, high-end boutique and a stand-alone retailer. Because of the close proximity to the Wilton Manors community, the idea of a hotel catering to the gay and lesbian clientele was also discussed. A bed and breakfast, supermarket or a bank on the property was also discussed. Members of the board expressed their support for this type of project.

The possibility of flipping the property was brought up and Vice Chair Harmeling stated that she hoped that this is not an option.

As in prior discussions, the board continued to be very clear on its opposition to convenience/liquor store being put on the property.

Mr. Greenbaum mentioned the possibility of a WaWa store, being put at the location.

Mr. Battle shared the draft of the letter which promised the Board's continued support of Mr. Greenbaum's efforts for the development of the property.

V. Status on Redevelopment Fund Application

The item was pulled from the September 10, 2013 agenda of the Broward County Commission meeting. Staff was told that no directive was given to have the item back on any upcoming Broward County Commission Agenda. Mr. Battle, felt that not meeting the job criteria was the only drawback regarding the application.

Chair Klett suggested that each member should reach out to the Broward County Commissioners asking for their assistance to put the funding application back on another commission meeting agenda.

Member Smith indicated that he had spoken with Commissioner Ryan's assistant about the removal of the fund application from the agenda. After more discussion, the CCAB concluded that extraneous issues are at the center of Broward County's non-support of the grant application.

The Board also discussed sending a generic letter to the County Commission expressing their disappointment that the item was pulled; especially since staff and the CCAB felt that the Complete Streets was a great project.

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VII. Old/New Business

The issue of public safety was brought up. Mr. Battle suggested that Jorg Hruschka, and a representative from the police department should be invited to the next meeting. The Board also wants current crime statistics brought to the meeting. Members discussed the methods used by the security team at the Holiday Park Plaza; pointing out that the police was only called when it was absolutely necessary.

Also discussed was All Aboard Florida, the proposed new rail service from Miami to West Palm Beach and the number of stops; it was noted that Oakland Park and Wilton Manors will vying for one of those stops.

The Board decided to have another workshop at which the focus would be on Section 5 of the Redevelopment Plan, Zoning. The workshop will be held on November 2, 2013 at 9:00; at a location to be determined.

Recommendation to have Justin Greenbaum apply to serve on the Board was also discussed and he was provided an application.

Vice Chair Harmeling noted that due to social media other CRAs were more accessible and wondered if the same could be done for the CCAB; the Vice Chair was reminded that this type of activity would need funding and personnel.

Chair Klett, advised the Board that contrary to prior discussions, funding for projects would not be available until 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time; the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

[Minutes prepared by Sandra Doughlin, Clerk III]