

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

Cumulative Attendance from October 2013

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Present</u>		<u>Absent</u>
Katherine Barry	P		1		1
Domingo Cid	P		2		0
Shannon C Harmeling, Vice-chair	A	1		1	
Christine Jones (arr. 6:12)	P		2		0
Randall Klett, Chair	P		2		0
Thomas A. Maleta	A		1		1
Michael J Vonder Meulen	A		1		1
Tim Smith (dep. 7:10)	P	2		0	
Ray Thrower	P		2		0
Ronald Weinbaum	P		2		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
 DJ Williams Persad, Asst. City Attorney
 Jason Boles, DSD
 Sgt. Cecil Stone, FLPD
 Major Mike Gregory, FLPD
 Sandra Doughlin, Clerk III, ECR

Communication to the City Commission

There was none.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

II. Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2013 meeting.

Motion made by member Cid, seconded by member Smith, to approve the minutes. **Motion** passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized the visitors: Dj Williams Persad from the City Attorney's Office, Jason Boles, DSD, Sergeant Cecil Stone from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Major Michael Gregory from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Steve Stahl and Justin Greenbaum.

III. Florida's Sunshine Law

City of Fort Lauderdale Assistant City Attorney, DJ Williams Persad, explained Florida's Sunshine Law. Important to note the start and end times of meetings, meetings must be noticed, location must be accessible to all, minutes must be written; actions taken must be in the written minutes and must indicate who makes the motion and also who seconded. Ms. Persad also told the members that it does not necessarily have to be a face to face interaction, it could be via telephone, e-mail or any or social media. The definition of public meetings was provided. Since a number of the members of the CCAB are also members of other boards, care must be taken that they do not discuss any item that could possibly come before this Board. Meeting announcements should also note that one or more board members board might/will be in attendance. The door to the meeting room must always be open; locations must be accessible to all; and be large enough to accommodate all attendees. Agendas should be posted at least three days prior to the meeting; unless it's an emergency meeting. Members were also reminded to familiarize themselves with the information provided in the Better Meetings Academy manual. Members also gave certain scenarios to which the attorney advised how it should be handled.

IV. Public Safety Discussion

Major Gregory and Sergeant Stone of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department provided the Board with current crime statistics for the last three years. Sergeant Stone explained what are larcenies, burglaries, aggravated assault and battery. Also explained was Intelligent Let Policing (ILP). They also talked about the revolving door that currently exists for juvenile offenders, and the steps being taken to curtail this practice, like having officers attend hearings who would let the judge know the types of criminal activities the juveniles have been involved with, in hopes that they are held longer for longer periods of time. The officers encouraged cooperation by residents, and not being fearful of reporting suspicious activity and identifying "criminals". Members of the board talked about Bike Patrols and "gun buy backs" The Board inquired about the current schedule for the substation and made a suggestion that it be opened from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. A suggestion that the officers park their vehicles in the front of the building instead of the back, which would at least serve as a deterrent. It was explained that the substation is not manned and is primarily used by officers for writing reports, etc.

The shortage of patrol vehicles was also discussed. Cameras and license plates recording/reader alerts were also discussed. Crime in Middle River Terrace was discussed, to which Major Gregory told the Board that there is an on-going investigation regarding the increased criminal activities in this area. Crime in the SMRCA area was also addressed by the officers. Gang activity, residents being attacked while riding their bicycles is another concern.

Targeting landlords, i.e. putting liens on known "drug houses" was discussed; along with the need for increased lighting for the CCAB area.

V. Recap of November 2nd Workshop

The Board went over what was discussed at this workshop noting that the primary topic was reexamining zoning.

The Board also discussed Tri-Rail Coastal Link and members were hopefully optimistic that a train station located at 13th Street was highly possible due to the fact that this location has the third highest ridership. It was also noted that on December 3, 2013 South Florida Regional Transit Authority and Florida Department of Transportation will be making a presentation to the 13th Street Alliance.

VI. Communication to City Commission

There was none

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]