

APPROVED
MEETING MINUTES
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014 – 6:00 PM

Cumulative Attendance from October 2013

<u>Board Members`</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Katharine Barry	A	3	2
Domingo Cid	P	5	
Justin Greenbaum	P	3	
Shannon C Harmeling	A	3	2
Christine Jones (arr 6:20)	P	5	
Randall Klett	P	5	
Thomas Maleta	A	3	2
Michael J Vonder Meulen	P	5	
Tim Smith (dep 6:50)	P	5	
Ray Thrower	P	5	
Ronald Weinbaum	P	4	1

At this time, there are 11 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum.

It was noted that a quorum was present at the meeting.

Staff:

Alfred Battle, Jr., ECR Manager, Department of Sustainable Development
Bob Wojcik, Planner III, Department of Sustainable Development
Sandra A. Doughlin, Clerk III, Department of Sustainable Development

Communication to City Commission

Motion made by Member Vonder Meulen and seconded by Member Thrower to make a request to the City for funding in the amount of \$300,000 for a Commercial Façade Improvement Program for the Central City Redevelopment Area. **Motion** passed unanimously.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Klett called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes, **moved** by member Thrower, **seconded** by member Greenbaum motion passed unanimously to approve minutes; with member Cid requesting an amendment to the minutes.

Motion made by Member Smith and **seconded** by Member Greenbaum to amend the minutes to add Member Cid's comments that the Middle River community is opposed to any zoning amendments beyond the boundaries of the Central City CRA. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Member Smith and **seconded** by Member Greenbaum to amend the agenda by additional an additional item: "Crime Issues in Middle River". Motion passed unanimously. The item was inserted as number "III" on the agenda.

III. Crime in the Middle River Area

Members discussed the increasing crime in the area, including the recent murder and requested that Major Gregory be invited to attend the next meeting to address this issue and what's the department's strategy.

IV. Redevelopment Plan Implementation

A powerpoint presentation prepared by staff was made to the board. Members were also provided with maps of the area. High density and Transit Oriented District, zoning for downtown was discussed. Concerns were raised regarding the inevitable increase in traffic along 13th Street.

V. Vacant Commercial Buildings Database

Members of the Board were provided a print out of the vacant commercial buildings as provided by CoStar; and member Greenbaum among others indicated that this information might not be current.

VI. Commercial Façade Improvement Program

The board agreed to again solicit funding from the city to facilitate this program.

VII. Communication to City Commission

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VIII. Public Comment

Laura Consenco, speaking on behalf of the Middle River community, voiced her concerns regarding proposed zoning changes saying that car lane reductions would increase traffic and would create a hardship on the residents.

Members also discussed Broward County's efforts to not extend the life of all CRAs.

Mr. Battle will invite Major Gregory of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to the next meeting, to provide an update on crime in the area; also Todd Okolichany of the Division of Urban Design & Planning to provide an update on Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Ordinance.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

{Minutes Prepared by Sandra A. Doughlin, Clerk III}