

**APPROVED**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY**  
**BOARD CRA CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**914 NW 6<sup>th</sup> STREET, SUITE 200**  
**Wednesday September 10, 2014 – 6:00 PM**

**Cumulative Attendance from October 2013**

<u><b>Board Members</b></u>	<u><b>Attendance</b></u>	<u><b>Present</b></u>	<u><b>Absent</b></u>
Katharine Barry	P	8	3
Domingo Cid(dep 7:15)	P	11	
Justin Greenbaum	P	7	2
Shannon C Harmeling	A	7	4
Christine Jones(arr 6:16)	P	11	
Randall Klett	P	11	
Thomas Maleta	A	5	6
Tim Smith	P	9	2
Ray Thrower	P	11	0
Ronald Weinbaum	A	8	3

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:**

Al Battle, Jr. CRA Director

Bob Wojcik, Planner III, Department of Sustainable Development

Sandra A. Doughlin, Clerk III, Department of Sustainable Development

Audrey Nunez Gough, Economic Development Aide

**Communication to City Commission**

**There was none**

**II. Approval of Minutes from July 2, 2014**

**Motion** made by Member Smith, **seconded** by Member Greenbaum to approve. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**III. Run/Walk Event**

Member Barry provided members with informational packets about the Funky Fun Run a Fund Raising Event supported by the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Alliance and HOMES, Inc., scheduled for Saturday February 21, 2015. Most of the elected officials support the 5K

run and she hopes that they might also participate. Member Barry is seeking support in the amount of \$5,000 for use in the assistance of freshening/sprucing up the areas along the run route, by putting a fresh coat of paint on properties along the route. The run will begin at Middle River Park to Powerline Road, to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue then returning to the park. The race has been officially certified and participants can register at funkyfunrun.org. After the run there will be a “street party”. The Run/Walk Event will be instrumental in bringing people into the neighborhood to see what’s going on, and possibly encourage them to move their businesses into the area.

Member Thrower suggested pressuring cleaning the sidewalks, putting a fresh coat of paint on the liquor store.

Member Jones likes the concept and asked that Member Barry provide some details as to where the raised funds would go.

Member Barry then explained that the money raised by the Walk/Run Event will be used primarily to assist young adults who have aged out of foster care, with housing. She also gave members some background information on some of the young people who have benefited from the program.

Chair Klett also provided the board with additional information about HOMES, Inc. and the services and differences it has made in the community.

Chair Klett also suggested that perhaps the advisory board/City of Fort Lauderdale could be a listed as a sponsor of the event; which would increase the interest in the event.

Mr. Battle recommended that this could be part of the discussion at the up-coming joint meeting with the City Commission.

Motion made by Member Smith, seconded by member Thrower to identify specific corridor improvements for implementation through a sponsorship contribution for the Funky Fun Run. Motion passed unanimously, with member Barry abstaining.

#### **IV. CRA Annual Report**

Members were provided a copy of the annual report and Mr. Battle explained the contents details information for fiscal year 2011-2012 for all three areas. The debt incurred for the creation of the redevelopment plan was discussed.

Members discussed the debt to the City of Fort Lauderdale and the best way to repay the approximately \$35,000 that is owed to the City. Debt deferment and a payment plan to extend over a period of time were among the recommendations. Mr. Battle recommended to the board that staff should be paid first.

Member Barry brought up the idea of the Façade Improvement Program that was sent

in a communication to the city commission.

Motion made by Member Thrower, seconded by member Barry to repay the CRA Staff first as soon as funds become available and beginning fiscal year 2015 repay the cost of the Redevelopment Plan/Slum and Blight Study, over the next five years. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. Tax Increment Revenue – FY 2015 (July Estimate)**

The TIF estimates were discussed.

Chair Klett advised the board of the upcoming workshop dates; at which Mr. Battle confirmed that the November 4<sup>th</sup> date was confirmed; beginning at 12:30 PM, immediately before the conference meeting.

Member Barry spoke about the Acorn Development project.

Member Smith talked about the crime statistics, most neighborhoods were down with the exception of Lakeridge.

Member Thrower spoke about the low attendance at the crime meetings.

Chair Klett brought up the issues of members' attendance and loss of some members. Also, discussed was the possibility of two meetings in November. Members decided that a decision on the regular meeting will be made depending on the results of the joint workshop.

#### **VI. Communication to the CRA Board/Status of Communication**

There was none.

#### **VII. Public Comment**

Steve Stahl, Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association, asked questions about the Funky Fun Run, prizes, if the event is open to professional runners, etc. Mr. Stahl also had a question about liability insurance for the event. He also wanted to know if the details of the run were available on line, and was told that they were.

Mr. Stahl requested clarification of the Façade Improvement Program whether it would be for new or existing properties and was told that the façade improvement program would be for existing properties. He also spoke on the repayment of the money's owed to the CRA. He also asked if the expansion of the CRA boundaries was discussed at the workshop, where would the money be coming from.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.