

Regular Meeting of the
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, May 12, 2005
AutoNation Tower, 110 SE 6th Street
30th Floor, Conference Room

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Charles B. Ladd, Chair
Alan C. Hooper, Vice Chair
Peter Feldman, Secretary
Jack T. Loos, Treasurer
Gale Butler, Board Member
Douglas P. Eagon, Board Member
John M. Milledge, General Counsel
Chris Wren, Executive Director
Sadie Williams-Panton, Temporary Administrative Aide

ABSENT: William R. Scherer, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: Leslie Backus
Paul Carpenter
Cindi Hutchinson
Joan Mikus
Peter Partington
Earl Prizlee
Mandy Spangler
Jeff Suiter

PRESIDING: Charles Ladd, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Chair Ladd. After Roll Call, Mr. Wren introduced Bobby from the Ford Racefest who briefly described the purpose of the Racefest event. The approval of the Consent Items was then entered into motion by Mr. Feldman, seconded by Mr. Eagon and all were in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

POLICE REPORT

Chair Ladd requested the Police Report at which time, the representative, Mitch Vancy, gave a monthly report on activity in the Downtown. He noted there was a decrease in the number of incidents and arrests versus last month although there was an increase in calls for service.

2ND STREET NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL

William Crawford, President of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, presented the proposal for the 2nd Street Name Change. He reported that in May 2004, the Board of Trustees agreed (with the endorsement of City Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson) in a vote on the dual name change. He also gave a background on Mr. J.D. Camp whose son was present and requested the DDA's endorsement of the name change. A brief discussion continued regarding procedures, (including contacting property owners along the route) distance between starting and ending points. Motion for the dual name change of 2nd Street to include "J.D. Camp" from Federal Highway to Andrews Avenue was entered by Mrs. Butler and seconded by Mr. Loos. All were in favor.

2ND STREET UPDATE

Prior to *Mr. Jeff Suiter* from EDSA and *Mr. Earl Prizlee* from the City of Fort Lauderdale giving an update on the status of the 2nd Street project, Mr. Wren noted that the project was close to being completed and opportunities for additional projects would arise. Status on the project revealed that after 10 months of changes and addition to the plan as well as weather allowances, Phase I completed a walk-thru and lights were turned on. Phase II was approximately 95% complete, needing only lights to be turned on as Mr. Suiter added that they are currently communicating with FPL.

Mr. Suiter added that the Las Olas Boulevard/Andrews Avenue intersection only required landscaping of the median – planting of 4 Royal Palms. However, Mr. Eagon recommended using the Medjool palm trees currently planted in the DDA Plaza. Mr. Suiter was asked to look into the price of this type of tree.

Mr. Suiter also mentioned that Phase III is currently being coordinated with FPL and could be completed around end of July/beginning of August 2005. He also mentioned that more items were added to the phase including salt-banding of sidewalks, the Mercedes drop-off lane, the City Parking Garage and the Las Olas Intersection. The current as well as pending change orders with description and costs were provided to the Board.

Mr. Prizlee reported on the progress of the parking garage expressing interest in the DDA's partnership on the project. Mr. Wren advised him to prepare a flow chart of the project and Mr. Hooper suggested a preliminary plan (including costs) be prepared prior to current contractor finishing job. Mr. Eagon added the importance of initially agreeing to a specific cost.

In acknowledging the need for enhancements to the current contract, all present agreed with the City's recommendation of changes to the Phase II portion of the contract including prototype modifications, new underground conduit for utilities, drainage modifications, additional trees and paving in the amount of \$95,467.80 (Change Order # 3). Throughout discussion on the topic, motions previously

entered by Mrs. Butler and seconded by Mr. Loos to increase the current budget not exceeding \$12,000 for completion of the Medjool landscaping work as well as for the design changes on the garage previously entered by Mr. Ladd and seconded by Mr. Milledge are included in Change Order 3. Final complex motion on Change Order # 3 was called by Mr. Eagon and seconded by Mr. Hooper. All unanimously voted in favor.

PACA UPDATE

Mr. Charlie Palmer, President of North American Company along with Mr. Mark Nerenhausen and Kathleen gave a brief report on the history and activities of the Broward Center for Performing Arts (BCPA). Information was also offered on projects such as the Riverwalk A&E noting that monies are shared and not just used by the BCPA.

The presentation also addressed the center's involvement and cooperation in ongoing activities in the Downtown and their continued willingness to be called upon for any assistance that might be needed. Mr. Ladd inquired if PACA would be able and willing to allow the use of their garage when the DDA's new Trolley program start. Mr. Palmer answered, 'absolutely'. Mr. Hooper and Mr. Eagon both complimented Mr. Palmer, PACA Board and staff on their presence and accomplishments. Mr. Palmer concluded by reminding that integration can help in the funding process as each entity has a different method of obtaining and accessing funds.

TMA UPDATE ON RFP AND NEW TROLLEY VEHICLES

Mr. Paul Carpenter, Executive Director of the TMA presented an update on their activities and focus. He informed that the RFP released in April should yield written proposals from private sector transit operators and proposals are due June 1, 2005. A select committee will review proposals to rank applicants. Two contracts are being sought: the first to replace the existing City Cruiser service and the second to start a connecting service between 17th Street & the Fort Lauderdale Beach route.

Regarding the different models of new Trolley vehicles being considered, Mr. Hooper added that the TMA Board has considered style and specifications including having a door at the back of the vehicle with an opening toward the front. Pictures of models were provided in the backup material.

There was a brief discussion on the advantages of purchasing these type vehicles versus leasing and it was recommended that from research, experience and general knowledge, it would be advantageous for the DDA Board to lease then immediately purchase vehicles. The choice of paint color was brought up again and Mr. Hooper assured that DDA Board members serving on both boards are passing on previous concerns and ideas from the DDA to the TMA Board.

Mr. Wren then requested the Board's permission to extend the current trolley contract/service for three more months. Mr. Loos entered a motion to approve this extension, seconded by Mr. Feldman. All voted in favor of extension.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

Mr. Peter Feldman started out by noting his involvement in this ongoing DDA project and encouraged support for the recommendations listed in a Memo from Mr. Wren to the Board members. Recommendations included appointing two Board members to a steering committee whereby the Commission would receive recommendations from this committee on the consultant selection and

work product; having the Study's geographic scope to include neighboring municipal boundaries and to include comments from the City's RFP. Mr. Feldman entered a motion to accept these recommendations, seconded by Mr. Hooper and voted favorably by all.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Eagon advised that the NAIOP conference would be held in Fort Lauderdale during October 2005 at the Westin Diplomat Hotel. He encouraged the DDA to co-sponsor this event that would cost approximately \$3,000. Mr. Loos moved to approve this motion, seconded by Mr. Feldman. All were in favor.

Mr. Feldman inquired of the possibilities of having Mr. Charlie Palmer as a sitting member of the DDA Board. After a discussion by Board members, Mr. Wren was asked to research on the possibilities and requirements for such a member.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted:

Sadie Williams-Panton
DDA Staff

A taped recording of the proceedings of the May 12, 2005, Regular Meeting of the Board is on file in the DDA offices, 101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 350, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.