

Regular Meeting of the  
Downtown Development Authority  
Thursday, November 10, 2005  
Broward Center for Performing Arts Board 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  
William R. Scherer, Board Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** John M. Milledge, General Counsel  
Chris Wren – Executive Director  
John Metsopolous – Program Manager  
Antonia Martinez – Temporary Administrative Aide  
Elizabeth Veliky – Urban Planner  
Erin Emmons – Planning Assistant  
Neil Sterling – Governmental Liaison  
Leslie Backus – Marketing Consultant  
Brittney Wallman – Sun-Sentinel Reporter  
Richard Mancuso – Neighborhood Activist  
Officer Riley – City of Fort Lauderdale Police

**PRESIDING:** Charles Ladd, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chair Ladd. Following the roll call, the consent agenda items were motioned for acceptance and seconded. All were in favor.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Officer Riley presented the police report. He commented that the amount of crime for the months of September and October was similar. He reported 622 arrests. He also reported forty burglaries and forty homicides.

#### **HURRICANE WILMA**

John Metsopoulos shared the proactive actions the DDA has made by going out into the community for business outreach. He spoke with several individuals working downtown to get insight on major problems that are being felt due to Hurricane Wilma and offered DDA's assistance.

Alan Hooper suggested to run an advertisement that shows DDA's desire to help businesses that have been displaced by Hurricane Wilma or that just want to relocate downtown. He also suggested taking aerial pictures of downtown now and then retake them again in about 6 months to show how quickly downtown bounces back from such a catastrophe as Hurricane Wilma.

Charles Ladd suggested we get a report of what the city is doing to bury the power lines.

John Metsopolous agreed to get a report of the percentage of wooden poles down versus concrete poles.

Elizabeth Veliky explained the insurance related issues to the Huizenga Plaza and the sculpture(s). The claim has been made to the Florida League of Cities. The fabric on the Amphitheater is supposed to be removed before the Ford Racefest event on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Date Palm that was recently installed has to be reinstalled, as well as tree debris that needs to be removed. She said she is working proactively with Stiles property management to resolve these issues.

**OFFICE MOVE:**

Elizabeth Veliky updated the board on the logistics of the move. The phone number has remained the same and so has the fax number. The office address is now 305 South Andrews Ave, Suite 301 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. She stated that the vendors are being notified of the change of address, as well as all postal carriers.

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE:**

A resolution was passed to include the DDA in downtown related studies – workforce housing study, park & recreation impact study, and master plan updates.

So moved by William Scherer, seconded by Alan Hooper

By roll call vote,

Charles Ladd – Yes  
Alan Hooper – Yes  
Peter Feldman – Yes  
John T. Loos – NO  
Gale Butler – Yes  
Doug Eagon – Yes  
William Scherer – Yes

A second motion was made by Doug Eagon and seconded by William Scherer to in conjunction with the previous motion, pass a resolution that shows an interest in understanding how additional units are going to be allocated that goes along with the continued revitalization of the central business district.

**2005/2006 DDA BUDGET:**

Rental apartments have been researched as discussed at the budget workshop, and have been removed from the DDA taxing boundary. Chris Wren will report the budget affects at a future meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

William Scherer brought up the County's interest in support for the Downtown Judicial Campus and Governmental Center. Neil Sterling read a resolution that stated the DDA reiterates its strong position to support the County and to move forward with the Downtown Judicial Campus.

Motion was made by John T. Loos and seconded by Alan Hooper. All board members were in favor.

Chair Ladd adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:40am.