

Regular Meeting of the
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, January 12, 2006
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
Mayhue 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

ABSENT:

William R. Scherer, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

John Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director
John Metsopoulos, DDA Program Manager
Elizabeth Veliky, DDA Planning & Design Manager
Katie Ward, DDA Temporary Administrative Coordinator
Erin Emmons, DDA Planning Assistant
Neil Sterling, DDA Governmental Liaison
Tim Petrillo, Himmarshee Association
Phil Smelley, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Eric Liberman, Parsons Brinckerhoff
John Lafferry, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit
Rebecca Horwitz, Broward County Transit
Brittany Wallman, Sun-Sentinel Reporter
Bill Keith, Keith & Associates
Patty Mitchcock, Keith & Associates
Leena Basnyet, Keith & Associates
Richard Mancuso, Neighborhood Leader
Patsy Mennuti, Riverwalk Trust
Paul Carpenter, Transportation Management Association
Steve Wasserman
Mark Schwartz

PRESIDING:

Charles Ladd, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 by Charles Ladd. Following the roll call, Peter Feldman motioned to take the Automatic Slims Motocross Event Application off the consent agenda and was then discussed.

Board members showed concern over the nature of the event. They emphasized that the Plaza is a passive park. Issues over the use of motor bikes on our grass and the noise levels were brought up. Additionally, the application screening process was questioned.

Board members agreed that event applicants should have a representative present at meetings to answer any questions that may arise. They also stressed that applications should be getting in sooner than a month before the event. The legibility of applications was touched upon.

Motion was made by Jack Loos to delegate Doug Eagon as the decision maker, Feldman seconded. All were in favor except for Alan Hooper.

With the exclusion of the Automatic Slims Motocross Expo event, the Consent Agenda was approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

Police Report

No representative, no reports.

2nd Street New Year's Event, Tim Petrillo

Tim showed visuals of the 2005 New Year's Event that was held downtown. It was a successful event, bringing in a wide range of age groups. Three stages were set up, with live performances. A New Year's ball was set up and released at midnight, with confetti shooting from the 2nd floor of businesses along Himmarshee. It was applauded by all in attendance.

Application by New River Trading Post, LLC to lease spaces in PACA Garage, John Metsopoulos, DDA Program Manager and Tim Petrillo

John Loos began this topic by saying he does not have a conflict of interest, since he does not benefit from this project. John Metsopoulos reported that a few modifications to the contract have been made, to include: 72 spaces on Mon-Fri, No Holidays with an annual increase of 3%, parking on top level of garage, at a first come, first serve basis, party can cancel at any time, with a proposed start date of April 2007 with payment being made annually.

Details were ironed out to include that New River Trading Post would be using these leased spaces for their employees and will house their own parking lot for residents of their development. Eagon showed concern over the time period of reserved parking. He stated that after the three year contractual agreement, the DDA should not be expected to continue to reserve these spaces. Chris Wren finalized that a meeting will be set up with

the General Counsel, John Milledge to go over the legal language and bring back to the Board with a recommendation in February.

Motion was made by Doug Eagon and seconded by John Loos to come back with legal language to next meeting and decide on approving or not. Alan Hooper didn't vote because he has a personal interest in the project. By roll call vote, all were in favor.

Capital Improvement Plan, John Metsopoulos and Bill Keith

The Park Map was of high interest among Board members. After going back and forth on what should be presenting to the City and County, it was agreed that a map should be presented that shows ALL possibilities of parks, detailing the acreage and expenditures necessary.

Loos suggested having elected leaders, administrative heads, and central administrative offices housed within the downtown governmental campus. A motion was made to keep the Board informed on the uses.

Downtown Rail Circulator agreement between DDA and Parsons, John Metsopoulos and Phil Smelley

Phil Smelley addressed the Board's concerns to include: Doug Eagon questioned why the initial cost for service was \$600,000 and has now leaped to \$1.776Million. He addressed the approach of funding, whether or not using Small Starts or New Starts was the right approach as the costs keep increasing. He also brought up the fact that construction costs have risen dramatically and wanted a true estimate of what the project will cost when everything is said and done. The Federal Government has only committed \$990,000 after the 1% deduction is made and the DDA's share is \$600,000, so there is \$186,000 not accounted for. Board members showed concern and wanted to know what kind of plans were in place if they are not able to get the \$186,000.

Phil stated that the initial \$600,000 figure has changed because certain important elements were not factored into that figure. He stated that the New/Small Start's Program can be utilized when a project is \$250,000,000 in total, which the Circulator falls under. John Metsopoulos stated that the initial monies (<1.776million) is going to be used for the environmental assessment. The study is good for 3 years there after, so the DDA would have 3 years to find the gap funding. Board members wanted a more concrete contingency plan and resolved that if additional funding could not be found, then \$186,000 could be used from the Bond line item, only as the last resort though.

Motion: Made by Eagon and seconded by Loos to move forward with the Parsons' Contract and to look for additional funding sources for the \$186,000, but to have a contingency plan in the DDA bond line item. By means of roll call vote, all were in favor.

Additionally, John Loos brought up the County's Governmental Center and the Judicial Complex and stressed the importance of having staff/DDA representation at all meetings, including other relevant planning efforts. He noted that in preparing a light rail system, it is necessary to coordinate with these other projects.

New DDA Logo, Gale Butler

No concerns were voiced, logo to move forward with implementation.

2006 Board Elections

A motion was made by John Loos to nominate Alan Hooper as DDA Chair, Doug Eagon seconded. Motion was made by Doug Eagon to have Peter Feldman serve as Vice-Chair, seconded by Gale Butler. Motion was made by Peter Feldman for John Loos to serve as Secretary, seconded by Alan Hooper. Motion was made by Doug Eagon to have Gale Butler serve as Treasurer, seconded by John Loos. It was agreed by Board Members the new officers are as follows:

Chair:	Alan Hooper.
Vice-Chair:	Peter Feldman
Secretary:	John Loos
Treasurer:	Gale Butler

Additionally, a motion was made to create a resolution that recognized Charlie Ladd's services to the DDA as the former Chair.

Due to lack of time, items on the Director's Report were not discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:37am.

A tape of this meeting is available for review at the DDA office.