

Regular Meeting of the  
Downtown Development Authority  
Thursday, January 14, 2010  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
Einstein Room

**ROLL CALL**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION**

**BOARD PRESENT:** D. Fredrico Fazio, Chairman  
Dennis F. O'Shea, Vice-Chairman  
Gregory Durden, Secretary  
Tim Petrillo, Treasurer  
William H. Bodenhamer, Jr., Board Member  
John Ropes, Board Member

**NOT PRESENT:** William R. Scherer, Board Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

John M. Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel	Ron Centamore
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director	Richard Mancuso
Elizabeth Van Zandt, Planning & Design Manager	Mike Ferber
Marti Brown, Administrative Coordinator	John Lafferty
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner	David Wheeler
Kate Sheffield, Planning Assistant	Doug Sterner
Charlie Ladd (Previous Board Member)	Jennifer Lee
Alan Hooper (Previous Board Member)	Brittany Wallman
Tom Miller	Stephen Botek
Ron Feldman	Lahoma Scarlette
Cecile Feldman	Daniel Grant
Valerie Peru	Patricia Zeiler
Greg Stuart	Rebecca Baer
James Cromar	Kevin DeNell

**PRESIDING:** D. Fredrico Fazio, Chair

Secretary Fazio called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Roll call was taken by Marti Brown. All Board members were present with the exception of Mr. Scherer.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Secretary Fazio asked whether anyone had any comments and hearing none, he asked if there was a motion approving the items on the Consent Agenda. *A motion was moved by Mr. Ropes and seconded by Mr. O'Shea. All Board members were in favor.* The following items were unanimously approved:

- C-1) Approval of the minutes and follow-ups from the December 10, 2009 DDA Regular Board Meeting and Approval of the 10/12 Workshop with Planning & Zoning, 11/5 Workshop with the County and 12/7 One Way Pairing Workshop.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

Secretary Fazio said he wanted to go around the table and ask each Board member, General Counsel and the Executive Director to say a little bit about themselves which everyone did.

Secretary Fazio moved the police report up ahead of the elections.

#### **R-2 Police Report**

Captain Wheeler said there haven't been any major issues. He said the homeless issue is still active and that during evening hours in the Entertainment Area there have been vehicle burglaries and strong armed robberies. He did mention the increased patrol officers out along Riverwalk in the evening.

He discussed the redistricting that is scheduled to occur over the next month and indicated it should help with personnel and manpower in the Downtown area and along Broward Blvd. He further explained the expected changes.

#### **R-1 2010 Board Elections**

Secretary Fazio opened the nominations for Chairman. Mr. O'Shea nominated Mr. Fazio as Chairman. Chairman Fazio asked if there was a motion to close the nominations. Mr. O'Shea made the motion with Mr. Ropes seconding.

Chairman Fazio opened the nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Bodenhamer nominated Mr. O'Shea as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Fazio asked if there was a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Ropes made the motion with Mr. Petrillo seconding.

Chairman Fazio opened the nominations for Secretary. Mr. Bodenhamer nominated Mr. Durden as Secretary. Chairman Fazio asked if there was a motion to close the nominations. Mr. O'Shea made the motion with Mr. Petrillo seconding.

Chairman Fazio opened the nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Ropes nominated Mr. Petrillo as Treasurer. Chairman Fazio asked if there was a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Durden made the motion with Mr. O'Shea seconding. All were in Favor.

#### **R-3 Service Award Presentations to Charlie Ladd, Alan Hooper & Peter Feldman's Family**

Chairman Fazio introduced the item and began by honoring Peter Feldman. Mr. Fazio spoke about how valuable Mr. Feldman was to the success of downtown and how his vision, dedication, and determination made strides to the progress we see today. Chairman Fazio welcomed Mr. Feldman's family and presented a service award for Peter's accomplishments.

Chairman Fazio then acknowledged Charlie Ladd and Alan Hooper and invited them up to the Board table for presentation of their service awards.

Chairman Fazio honored Mr. Ladd and Mr. Hooper's efforts over the past 8 years and highlighted

their individual contributions. He then presented each with their service award.

Both Mr. Ladd and Mr. Hooper spoke of their experience and how grateful they are to have been able to sit on the DDA Board.

The Board continued giving praise to Mr. Feldman, Mr. Ladd, and Mr. Hooper.

#### **R-4 MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan**

Mr. Wren introduced the item and invited Greg Stuart to present the PowerPoint. Mr. Stuart went through the structure of the MPO governance. He indicated that the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is more than just a planning tool; he said it is a financial document.

Mr. Stuart continued going through the approved LRTP, highlighting the shift from highway improvements to mass transit and multi modal amenities. He cited the planned Wave system as the future of mobility and livable communities in Downtown and showed short term plans to improve the east/west connection on Broward Boulevard by way of a bus rapid transit system.

Mr. Stuart spoke about the costs of the many improvements and the funding sources contemplated. Further discussion was held regarding funding strategies and getting stakeholder buy in on larger projects, such as the FEC. Due to another meeting, Mr. Stuart had to leave and invited James Cromar to answer any questions. Mr. Cromar announced 2 workshops scheduled for February: Feb 5<sup>th</sup> (Broward Blvd corridor) and Feb 12<sup>th</sup> (Oakland Park Blvd corridor).

Discussion was held regarding parking facilities to accommodate these planned transit services along Broward Boulevard and the anticipated schedule of the improvements.

#### **R-5 Transit-Authorization of Technical Resource**

Mr. Wren summarized the need for continued technical resource and recommended extending the current Parsons Brinckerhoff monthly contract through the end of March 2010.

*Mr. O'Shea made a motion to continue the interim monthly support not to exceed \$20,000 per month (for actual work completed through 3/31/10), for a total of \$60,000 to be paid from the capital projects fund. Mr. Ropes seconded the motion. By roll call vote, all were in favor.*

#### **R-6 Committee List**

The Board discussed the Committee List and made revisions to each Committee as needed.

#### **R-7 Regionalism Goals**

Mr. Ropes indicated he'd like the Board to consider looking at regional models as a way to operate locally. He explained the utility in learning from other markets and applying them to ours. He introduced the idea of hosting a board retreat. More detailed discussion is included under "Other" of the Director's Report below.

#### **R-8 Panhandler Issue**

Mr. Petrillo went through the specific issue of panhandling, explaining it goes further than just the homeless problem. He cited a recent example over New Year's evening where there were 17 panhandling incidences while traveling between YOLO and Tarpon Bend.

Mr. O'Shea shared his history in working with the City legal department and indicated the City designated the sandy part of the beach as a "special resource" and therefore, panhandling is illegal there. However, across the street at the Elbow Room bar, panhandling is permitted. He said he suggested designating the Downtown Regional Activity Center as a "special resource" as well and in informal meetings with the City legal department, they were not supportive.

Chairman Fazio said the City should come up with a trash collection incentive program that rewards the homeless for picking up trash by paying them per hour of collection or some other system of measurement. **Mr. Petrillo and Mr. O'Shea were appointed a committee of 2 to work on the panhandling issue and then hold a DDA workshop.**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **D-1 News Articles**

No discussion or Board action.

#### **D-2 Office Work plan**

No discussion or Board action.

#### **D-3 Broward Partnership for the Homeless Letter**

No discussion or Board action.

#### **D-4 FDOT Discretionary Funding Request for Streetscape Program**

Mr. Wren summarized the grant that was prepared requesting streetscape funds from FDOT. He then announced (unrelated to this specific grant request), the recent rescinding of the "Dear Colleague" letter and the benefit to our project as it relates to the federal rating process.

#### **Other**

Mr. Ropes talked about the FEC Corridor and the DDA's involvement in that and how he'd like to get other DDA's (Miami, West Palm, etc.) together on this issue. Discussion was held on sunshine requirements for such meetings.

Mr. Ropes expressed an interest in having a Board retreat to discuss issues such as expansion of the DDA, the 17<sup>th</sup> Street corridor, the area south along the FEC corridor to 17<sup>th</sup> Street and any other issues. He said he'd like to see an outside facilitator coordinating this. **Mr. Ropes made a motion for a Board retreat with Mr. O'Shea seconding. All Board members were in favor. Mr. Wren is to look at the calendar and find a date where an outside facilitator can coordinate for a half day.** It was decided that it would be an executive meeting first before inviting others. Mr. Bodenhamer mentioned a guest speaker from Charlotte, but the Board decided it would be beneficial to have the guest speaker attend a regular DDA Board Meeting.

**Mr. Petrillo asked for the Wave schedule of dates (submittals, approval, etc.) to be disseminated to the Board.**

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Fazio adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.