

Regular Meeting of the
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, April 8, 2010
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
Einstein Room

ROLL CALL

COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION

BOARD PRESENT: Dennis F. O'Shea, Vice-Chairman
Tim Petrillo, Treasurer
William R. Scherer, Board Member
William H. Bodenhamer, Jr., Board Member
John Ropes, Board Member

NOT PRESENT: D. Fredrico Fazio, Chairman
Gregory Durden, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

John M. Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel	Alan Tinter
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director	Phil Thornburg
Elizabeth Van Zandt, Planning & Design Manager	Al Carbon
Marti Brown, Administrative Coordinator	Mike Ferber
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner	Doug Sterner
Kate Sheffield, Planning Assistant	Ron Centamore
Aimee Carlson	Richard Mancuso
Alan Hooper	Brittany Wallman
Rebecca Baer	

PRESIDING: Dennis F. O'Shea, Vice-Chairman

Vice Chairman O'Shea called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Roll call was taken by Marti Brown. All Board members were present with the exception of Mr. Fazio and Mr. Durden.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman O'Shea asked whether there were any comments and hearing none he asked if there was a motion approving the Consent Agenda. *A motion was moved by Mr. Scherer and seconded by Mr. Petrillo. All Board members were in favor.* The following items were unanimously approved:

- C-1) Approval of the minutes and follow-ups from the March 11, 2010 DDA Regular Board Meeting and Approval of the Minutes from the 3/26/10 Board Workshop and 3/31/10 Transit Finance Committee Meeting.

- C-2) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-FLIPANY Health & Fitness Festival, 5/14/10-5/15/10.
- C-3) Approval of Outdoor Event Application - Feldman Park Backyard Bash, 4/29/10 and for the Executive Director's signature on the 4/29/10 event and future events to be held in City and County owned parks.

REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 Police Report

No officers were present to give an update.

R-2 Peter Feldman Park Funding

Vice Chairman O'Shea introduced the item and indicated that Tunnel Park would also be discussed, given the Board's direction at the last meeting. Mr. Wren added that Phil Thornburg and Albert Carbon from the City of Fort Lauderdale were present. Mr. Scherer asked Mr. Wren to give a detailed analysis of what happened to the DDA's contribution to Tunnel Park.

Mr. Wren gave a history of the tunnel park funding and scope level. Mr. Wren indicated that he met with City staff, including Albert Carbon, and learned that the park was designed at a \$560,000 level, but the winning bid came in at \$330,000, leaving \$230,000 left to spend. He continued that Mr. Carbon said the Commission has to authorize those additional monies to be spent for the project. Mr. Scherer voiced his concern about the evolution of this project in terms of scope level and funding. He emphasized the need to have the Commission approve this additional funding to include what was in the original design plans.

Vice Chairman O'Shea asked Mr. Thornburg to speak on the Peter Feldman Park funding request. Mr. Thornburg told the Board he is back to request \$83,781 to cover the gap for the Peter Feldman Park funding. He indicated the contractor has agreed to hold the bid for 90 days so he needs an answer either way so he can bring it before the Commission next month.

Mr. Scherer made a motion to approve the gap funding of \$83,731 (to be paid from unappropriated funds out of the capital projects fund) conditioned on having the Commission authorize the remaining \$230,000 for the Tunnel Park project (for such amenities as landscaping, lights, street furniture, etc.). Mr. Ropes seconded the motion. By roll call, all approved the motion.

Mr. Petrillo asked Mr. Carbon who would be leading the design effort for the additional scope and Mr. Carbon responded that the City would take the lead in cooperation with the Rio Vista neighborhood, who has already been contacted.

Mr. Ropes asked to have periodic updates brought to the Board on the progress of this Phase II work.

R-3 Hometown Democracy Resolution, Broward Workshop Presenting

Vice-Chairman O'Shea introduced Aimee Carlson, Regional Director of the Citizens for Lower Taxes and a Stronger Economy, Inc.

Ms. Carlson made a presentation on the upcoming Amendment 4 on November's ballot. She explained that it will require a voter referendum for all land use amendments, impacting both public

and private sector projects. She highlighted the potential implications and used an example from St. Pete Beach, whom implemented the legislation back in 2005 and has had a negative spiral ever since. She continued that St. Pete Beach actually tried to remove the legislation by the will of the people. However, the group spearheading the Amendment 4 movement overturned the ruling.

Ms. Carlson referenced an economic study that was prepared in the case Amendment 4 passes, projecting significant losses in economic output, jobs, and other economic factors.

The Board discussed this item further and members of the audience also contributed to the dialog.

R-4 Transit Status

Mr. Wren introduced this item and explained that FTA has recommended a peer review consultant be brought on board to assist in the finalization of the submittal documents. He indicated he's looking for \$250,000 to be authorized for peer review services and indicated the entire process should take no more than 4 months.

Mr. Milledge added that there is a possibility that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will fund this. However, he emphasized the need to get this approved now so that time is not wasted in the event FDOT is not able to commit funds.

Mr. Wren said he'd provide regular updates on the accounting of this peer review services.

Mr. Scherer made a motion to authorize \$250,000 (out of unappropriated funds from the capital projects fund) for transit peer review services. Mr. Ropes seconded the motion. By roll call vote, all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

D-1 News Articles

Mr. Wren said there were various articles in their packages.

D-2 Follow-up on Workshop/Annual DDA Event

Mr. Wren gave a brief summary of the retreat the Board recently participated in. He said the items the Board reached consensus on were: Increasing the residential unit threshold in the D-RAC, looking into expanding the DDA boundary, revising the DDA mission statement, supporting the Performing Arts Center recapitalization initiative, trying to get a larger education presence in the Downtown and having an annual meeting that uses the outcome of the retreat.

Mr. Wren indicated that the retreat was very positive and that he and Mr. Milledge have already started meeting on the DDA boundary expansion and the increase of residential units. He also mentioned that Nova will now offer a 4 year Arts degree program in the Downtown, utilizing the entire bottom floor of Tom Vogel's office building.

D-3 Update on Tunnel Park

See Peter Feldman Park, R-2

As there was no other business, Vice Chairman O'Shea adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.