

Regular Meeting of the  
Downtown Development Authority  
Thursday, August 11, 2011  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
Einstein Room

## **ROLL CALL**

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Dennis F. O’Shea, Chairman  
Gregory Durden, Vice-Chair  
Tim Petrillo, Secretary  
John Ropes, Treasurer  
D. Fredrico Fazio, Board Member (by conference call)  
William H. Bodenhamer, Jr., Board Member  
Michael Weymouth, Board Member

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

John M. Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel	Chris Hinojosa
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director	Sgt. Gary Martin
Elizabeth Van Zandt, Planning & Design Manager	Major Gregory Salters
Marti Brown, Administrative Coordinator	Vivian Kamareddine
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner	Ron Centamore
Kate Sheffield, Planning Assistant	Doug Sterner
Neil Sterling	April Kirk
Kathy Tricomi	Mark Schwartz
Genia Ellis	Chuck Adams
Tracy Brown	

**PRESIDING:** Dennis O’Shea, Chairman

Chairman O’Shea called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Roll call was taken by Marti Brown. All Board members were present with Mr. Fazio participating by speaker phone.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman O’Shea asked if anyone wanted to discuss any items on consent. Chairman O’Shea said that both he and Mr. Ropes had questions about the audit. Mr. Wren said he hadn’t read the audit since he had just returned from vacation so he wanted to withdraw the item and put it on September’s agenda so C-2 was pulled. ***A motion was moved by Mr. Durden and seconded by Mr. Bodenhamer approving the other items on consent. All Board members were in favor.*** The following items were unanimously approved:

- C-1) Approval of the minutes and follow-ups from the July 14, 2011 DDA Regular Board Meeting
- C-3) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Dolphins’ Pep Rally, 9/8/11 (Partnership with City of Fort Lauderdale)

- C-4) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-2012 Fort Lauderdale M.S. Walk, 2/25/12-2/26/12
- C-5) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Walk for the Animals 2012, 3/2/12-3/3/12
- C-6) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Red Bull Candola, 4/13/12-4/14/12

## REGULAR AGENDA

### R-1 Police Report

Major Salters introduced Sergeant Martin. The Sergeant said he's on his 18<sup>th</sup> year with the Police Department with the last five working in the sex crime unit and now he's working in the downtown. Major Salters asked if the Board saw the raid information online in July and whether there was feedback. Mr. Ropes said the information was terrific. Major Salters said in June there were 31 crimes and in July there were 20 with 11 being larcenies or thefts in the downtown area. Chairman O'Shea asked what extra things they are doing at Riverfront and Major Salters said they are trying to figure out what's causing problems which they believe is the pass through traffic on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. He said Calvary Chapel is helping with the skateboarding issues by giving free passes to Skaters Park. The Major said they are also working with the Museum of Art with graffiti issues and that they met with Las Olas Company yesterday to discuss Las Olas concerns. Sergeant Martin added that they are putting together a bicycle unit in downtown.

### R-2 Wave Project Update

Mr. Wren provided an update on the submittal schedule of the various federal reports and applications. He emphasized that everything is going well and on schedule.

### R-3 DDA 2011/2012 DDA Budget

Mr. Wren said they had a workshop yesterday. **He said he will present an updated version of the the PowerPoint presentation at the next Board meeting** which shows the value of the DDA to the commercial tax payer. He explained the debt service gap and potential revenue shortfall in the general fund. He went through a few options to deal with the debt service gap as a one-time fix. He said he will report back at the next workshop and at the September hearings. Mr. Durden expressed concern about cutting taxes and not investing right now with projects such as the Wave and the courthouse being constructed as well as the new parking garage on Andrews and 7<sup>th</sup>. He said no other place has this type of construction in the downtown and they should maintain and take advantage of the growth and not be penny wise, pound foolish.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Other

Mr. Wren introduced Senator Nelson's aide Chris Hinojosa. He introduced himself and said he's here to follow what's happening with the DDA.

Mr. Centamore from the audience said the post office is considering closing the office on Las Olas Boulevard. He said he would like a letter of support from the DDA. General discussion was held. Mr. Milledge said that postal issues in the downtown have previously been a sensitive issue for Congress representatives where they have offered assistance. **Mr. Bodenhamer made a motion in support of preparing a letter of support expressing the DDA's concern to not close the Las Olas post office with Mr. Durden seconding. All Board members were in favor.**

**Mr. Milledge suggested they also call Allen West to look into it and schedule a meeting. He said the post master will come to the meeting if one is scheduled.**

**D-1 News Articles**

There was nothing additional to report.

**D-2 DDA Work Plan**

This was nothing additional to report.

As there was no other business, Chairman O'Shea adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.