

Regular Meeting of the
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, November 10, 2011
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
Einstein Room

ROLL CALL

COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION

BOARD PRESENT: Gregory Durden, Vice-Chair
Tim Petrillo, Secretary
John Ropes, Treasurer
D. Fredrico Fazio, Board Member
William H. Bodenhamer, Jr., Board Member
Michael Weymouth, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

John M. Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel	Dana Pollitt
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director	Viviane Kamareddine
Elizabeth Van Zandt, Planning & Design Manager	Cindy Campbell
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner	Genia Ellis
Kate Sheffield, Planning Assistant	

PRESIDING: Gregory Durden, Vice-Chair

Vice-Chair Durden called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken by Mrs. Van Zandt. All Board members were present except for Chairman O'Shea.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chair Durden asked if anyone wanted to discuss the minutes and follow ups. *A motion was moved by Mr. Ropes and seconded by Mr. Weymouth approving minutes and follow ups from the October 13, 2011 Regular Board meeting. All Board members were in favor.* Vice-Chair Durden asked if anyone wanted to discuss the remainder of the consent agenda. *A motion was moved by Mr. Fazio and seconded by Mr. Weymouth approving the remainder of the consent agenda, to include: the Outdoor Event Application: Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Run, 9/8/12. All board members were in favor.*

REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 Police Report

There was no police report.

R-2 Utility Box Wrap Program

Mrs. Van Zandt gave a brief report of the status of the program, including the success of the demonstration box at the corner of Las Olas Boulevard and Andrews Avenue and the expanded program the Board approved as part of the 2011/2012 budget. She explained that staff is very close to finalizing an agreement with the County to implement the additional 15 boxes and indicated she hopes to have them installed before the end of the calendar year.

Discussion was held regarding plans the Las Olas Company has to temporarily install historic pictures in their vacant storefronts on Las Olas Blvd. **Staff was directed to coordinate with Mr. Weymouth.**

R-3 Wave Update – TIGER 3 Submittal

Mr. Wren explained the recent activity of the Wave project. He indicated that a TIGER 3 funding application was submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) on October 31st and that President Obama directed his US DOT staff to expedite reviews so announcements can be made before the end of the calendar year. Mr. Wren also said that between September and October, the project team was up in Washington for the annual Rail Revolution conference and for a separate meeting with the Federal Transit Administration.

Discussion continued on the federal component of the project. **Mr. Petrillo asked that staff find out how many streetcar applications were submitted under the TIGER 3 program.**

R-4 Federal Courthouse

Mr. Wren summarized recent activities as part of the federal courthouse taskforce he sits on. He explained that the committee is now looking at privatizing maintenance services and doing a public/private partnership where a private builder would come in and build the courthouse. He indicated this concept was very new and did not have much detail, but this method could accelerate building the facility by many years.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

D-1 News Articles

There was nothing additional to report.

D-2 Streetscape Grant

Mrs. Van Zandt provided an update that the grant transfer from Broward County Transit to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority is taking longer than expected so the hanging flower basket project is on hold until the transfer takes place. **She indicated she will bring this item back in December.**

Mrs. Van Zandt also explained that in order to program the remaining streetscape grant funds, a committee of one needed to be established to start working in committee. **Mr. Weymouth volunteered to be the committee of one.**

The Board discussed some of the agency's projects, including the efforts to date with the PACA garage, the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) grant and marketing. **Staff was directed to include all projects on the December Board agenda for discussion.**

D-3 USPS Closure Letter/Correspondence

There was nothing additional to report.

D-4 Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Update by David Coddington

There was nothing additional to report.

As there was no other business, Vice-Chair Durden adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.