

Regular Meeting of the
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, September 13, 2012
110 SE 6th Street, 30th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

ROLL CALL

COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION

BOARD PRESENT: Tim Petrillo, Vice-Chair
Michael Weymouth, Treasurer
John Ropes, Secretary
D. Fredrico Fazio, Board Member (by speaker phone)
Dennis F. O'Shea, Board Member

NOT PRESENT: Gregory Durden, Chairman
William H. Bodenhamer, Jr., Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

John M. Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel	Sergeant Fontalvo
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director	Ryan Saunders
Elizabeth Van Zandt, Planning & Design Manager	Leas Saraceno
Marti Brown, Administrative Coordinator	Ron Centamore
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner	Caroline Carrara
Kate Sheffield, Planning Assistant	Norm Adams
Neil Sterling	Gerri Lazarre
Chuck Adams	Raul Alvarez
Cindy Calvert	V. Kamareddine

PRESIDING: Tim Petrillo, Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman Petrillo called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Roll call was taken by Marti Brown. All Board members were present except Mr. Durden and Mr. Bodenhamer. Mr. Fazio was participating by cell phone since no actual phone line was available.

Vice Chairman Petrillo pulled the Audit, C-2, out of the consent agenda so discussion could take place during the Regular Agenda. Vice Chairman Petrillo asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, a *motion was moved by Mr. O'Shea and seconded by Mr. Ropes approving all other the items on consent. All Board members were in favor.* The following items were unanimously approved:

CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1) Approval of the minutes and follow ups from the June 14th and August 9, 2012 DDA Board Meetings and the Special Meetings on June 20th and July 25, 2012 and the Budget Workshop on August 30, 2012.
- C-3) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Dolphins' Pep Rally, 9/14/12
- C-4) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Halloween Rod Run, 10/27/12

- C-5) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Walk for the Animals, 3/1-3/2/13
- C-6) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Walk for KIDS, 5/2/13
- C-7) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Saveology's MyWish4U 5K/10K, 5/12/13

REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 Police Report

Sergeant Fontalvo said there has been an increase in part one crimes. He said there were 13 in July and 22 in August. He said there were 4 vehicle burglaries in August and none in July. He said there were 4 robberies in August and mentioned the locations. Mr. O'Shea mentioned two incidents in the Collee Hammock area and said the paper did not report on them and asked the Sergeant if he knew why. Sergeant Fontalvo said he includes them in his reports and mentioned a website that is connected to the police computer system so the public is aware but he couldn't answer why they weren't in the paper. He said he would look into it.

Financial Audit & Financial Statements

Cindy Calvert said the audit was given a clean opinion and is in conformity with Generally Acceptable Accounting Standards. She went through the balance sheets mentioning that assets and liabilities are down and that the fund balance has increased. She went through a pamphlet that she passed around. She said this year a single audit was required because the federal monies received exceeded \$500,000. She said the DDA received \$1 million for the transportation project. She said there were no problems or weaknesses found. ***A motion approving the audit was made by Mr. Ropes with Mr. O'Shea seconding. All Board members were in favor.***

R-2 Demographics Report

Kate Sheffield said that Berta Correa was unable to attend. She said that Berta sends her the MLS data and she then analyzes the trends. She talked about affordable housing and said Progresso Point has a six month waiting list. She said rental prices have increased. Ms. Sheffield said the first generation units totaled 173 three years ago and today they are down to 43. She said condo listings rose in the second quarter. Mr. O'Shea asked if Progresso Point is considered affordable housing or workforce housing. Ms. Sheffield said there are two tiers of income levels but she would need to confirm. She believes it is affordable housing. Mr. O'Shea stressed the importance to the Board of focusing on the difference and Mr. Wren added that the definition is considered different from various agencies. **Mr. Wren said he would get the definitions from the various agencies.**

Norm Adams said there hasn't been a major change. He mentioned that Bank Atlantic is coming downtown. He said there needs to be an influx of outside market tenants. He said the Bank of America building is leased up to 99% in a down market. He added they are preleasing space. He mentioned the Broward Financial building and its branding. He said this is the biggest comeback where they have lowered rates and upgraded the building. He said the old Sun Sentinel building is now New River Center and has 100,000 square feet of vacancy. He said Becker Poliakoff is looking for space. Vice Chairman Petrillo asked about recent sales and Mr. Adams said Tower 101 sold for \$30 million. Mr. Wren asked about the two retail spots on Las Olas that are under construction. Mr. Adams said Jacksons will become Chops and Rare will become The Grill 401. Mr. Adams said the side street has new activity with Subway, Offerdahls and the hair salon all renewing and Rossopomodorro will soon become Mancini.

R-3 ITS Update

Mr. Wren said they have been working with the consultant and community in looking into the best technology for the kiosks. He said staff will have recommendations at the October 11th Board meeting. Mrs. Van Zandt said a workshop has been scheduled in September where they will go through questions and what they are recommending on technology and locations and urged all Board members to participate. Mr. Wren said he went to a meeting between the FEC All Aboard Florida people and the Marine Industries. He said one thing brought up was having real time information on the bridge openings on the kiosks and said he will work with them. Discussion was held.

R-4 Streetscape Grant Agreements

Mr. Wren said he is looking for a motion authorizing both agreements between the County and DDA and explained in more detail. Mrs. Van Zandt said Mr. Milledge has reviewed the agreements. *A motion authorizing the execution of the sub-recipient agreements with the County was moved by Mr. O'Shea and seconded by Mr. Ropes. By roll call all approved with Mr. Fazio temporarily off the phone so no vote for him was included.*

R-5 Projects Update

Mr. Wren said all the updates were outlined in their packages. He said this will get updated after the budget approval with the new fiscal year project listings. He said most of the effort has been with the Small Starts process. Mrs. Van Zandt agreed saying most staff effort has been on the Wave Streetcar and they will now begin with ITS and then the Streetscape grant initiative. Mr. Wren said they hope to hear something on the Small Starts within the next 30-45 days.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**D-1 News Articles**

All information was in their packages.

D-2 Wave Streetcar- PMC Consultant Selection

Mr. Wren said the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) will go out to BID for a project management consultant soon and that he will represent the DDA on the selection committee.

Other

Mr. Ropes asked if there is still a continued effort to keep everyone on the same page with the Wave Streetcar and the FEC All Aboard Project. Mr. Wren said he mentioned a recent meeting with the FEC and the Marine Industries and discussed it briefly.

Vice Chairman Petrillo brought up a new affordable housing initiative plan that he says they should be a part of. Mr. Milledge discussed this with the Board. Mr. Milledge mentioned that Stiles has taken the lead from the private sector side and he's had meetings where concerns have been expressed. He said they are putting together an analysis and said there are a number of levels to this process. Mr. O'Shea said a recommendation has been presented to the Commission and they need to stay on top of this. Mr. Milledge mentioned that there has been some discussion of the School Board considering leaving the downtown area. He said he has and will continue to monitor.

As there was no other business, Vice Chairman Petrillo adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.