

Regular Meeting of the  
Downtown Development Authority  
Thursday, June 13, 2013  
Broward Center for the Performing Arts  
Einstein Room

## **ROLL CALL**

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

John M. Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel	Bonnie Flynn
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director	Phyllis Bard
Elizabeth Van Zandt, Planning & Design Manager	Russell Davis
Marti Brown, Administrative Coordinator	Genia Ellis
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner	Ron Centamore
Kate Sheffield, Planning Assistant	Kelley Shanley
Neil Sterling	Dev Motwani
John Bertino	Sergeant Fontalvo
Peter Agnesi	

**PRESIDING:** Tim Petrillo, Chairman

Chairman Petrillo called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Roll call was taken by Marti Brown. All Board members were present. Chairman Petrillo recognized John Bertino from Broward County Commissioner Tim Ryan’s office. 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. Bodenhamer approving all 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 May 9, 2013 DDA Board Meeting.
- C-2) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Walk for KIDS, 7/11/13.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **R-1 Police Report**

Sergeant Fontalvo said crimes totaled 11 for April and 31 in May. He said the increase was in

larcenies and thefts from 10 to 18 and robberies went from 0 to 6. Mr. Weymouth asked if there are more visible units assigned when there is an escalation in crimes and the Sergeant said if there is no pattern there wouldn't be. He said he gets real time information daily in 24 hour, 48 hour and 72 hour periods which include maps with geographical locations. He said when there is a pattern they assign more resource. Chairman Petrillo brought up a stabbing that occurred at 5:00 p.m. to a valet attendant in a parking lot and said he sees a pattern in the core area and feels there should be an elevated presence. Mr. Wren said he was contacted yesterday by Mike Brennan from Briny's about an incident on Tuesday night when they were showing the basketball game. Mr. Wren said he was told about 15 homeless individuals came over and harassed people and then later in the evening jumped these patrons. He echoed Mr. Petrillo's deep concern about the situation. The Sergeant encouraged anyone having any issues to call the Police Department where the line is recorded and to call him directly.

**Mr. Motwani said homeless has been an issue since they've taken over Riverfront and that he has full time security and is happy to extend the security route to Briny's and that they should coordinate and give Briny's the number to his security.** Mr. Weymouth asked whether there are any special district police officers assigned to the downtown. Sergeant Fontalvo said he does not have specific special district units assigned and that usually the mounted units are primarily assigned to the downtown in addition to patrol units. Chairman Petrillo said there are about seven venues that each have detailed officers in the entertainment district and that presence is key. Chairman Petrillo asked if they should revisit the enterprise zone issue brought up a while back because the Beach is much better now because of their ordinance. Mr. O'Shea said he followed up with the City and that the attorney at the time said there were constitutional issues. He said he believes this needs to be a public/private partnership. After discussion, **Mr. Sterling suggested that staff review the inputs and outputs of the police geographical technology.** Agnesi added that Broward College will be hiring detail officers and possibly have a space for the police department to serve as a substation. **The Board decided they would like Mr. Wren to reach out to understand the geographical technology. Mr. Bodenhamer suggested he meet with the Police Chief first because he can make things happen quickly. The Board also wants to revisit the enterprise issue with the new City attorney once she is officially hired. Mr. Wren said he'd put together a list of what the Board talked about previously including these 2 priorities.**

#### **R-2 Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Update**

Mr. Coddington was not present.

#### **R-3 DDA 2013/2014 Budget Schedule**

Mr. Wren said this is the start of the budget season and he was looking for Board approval on the proposed hearing dates of September 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. for the regular meeting and 5:01 p.m. for the first budget hearing and then September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:01 p.m. for the final budget hearing. **He said budget workshops will also be scheduled. Mr. Weymouth made a motion in support of the above dates with Mr. Durden seconding. All were in favor.**

#### **R-4 The Wave Streetcar**

Mr. Wren said that they were successful with Commission approval of the ordinance and first reading of the Resolution and they have the second reading and final public hearing on July 9<sup>th</sup>. He said after that he's taking a small vacation. He said there will be public comments at that hearing. Mrs. Van Zandt said that the property mail outs are going out today and the open house is June 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. O'Shea stressed the importance of public participation and showing up to this final public hearing.

Mr. Sterling said staff did an exceptional job getting everyone to come out and that they deserve recognition. Mr. Wren said the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) has hired HDR and Kimley Horn as the Project Management Consultant (PMC) and to develop 30% design drawings. He said they've hired an expert project manager to supervise all the consultants. He said that station design workshops will be starting later this year and asked that Board members show up to those. He said they will get community input and then make decisions.

#### **R-5 ITS Procurement**

Mrs. Van Zandt said she's been working with Michael Weymouth, as the committee of one, on the development of a proposal for services related to the Downtown Interactive Transportation Information System (formally known as the "ITS" project). This includes the development of a downtown smart phone application, informational kiosks, and an interactive website highlighting real time information. She said they advertised a request for qualifications. She said they negotiated with the highest ranked firm, CRG, and would like to do a limited notice to proceed on the first of three tasks and explained. She said the contract will be written so that if the DDA is not satisfied, they will not have to continue with future work orders and a new RFQ would be advertised. ***A motion was moved by Mr. Bodenhamer to authorize a limited notice to proceed with Civic Resource Group based on the scope of work not to exceed \$32,775 to be reimbursed from federal ITS grant funds. This is based on a contract approved by the General Counsel to be executed by the Executive Director. Mr. Durden seconded and by roll call, all were in favor.***

#### **R-6 Projects Update**

Streetscape: Mr. Wren said they had a meeting yesterday with EDSA regarding the Stranahan/Riverwalk Connection where they discussed the price and design services for the streetscape project, which went well. He said he is waiting for something in writing. Mr. Wren said he thanks Mr. Ropes for his help with the project and said they'd like to move forward and that he expects the final cost to come in next week and he can either come back to the Board or get the Board to give John Ropes and Michael Weymouth the approval to move forward based on their decision. The Board agreed to let Mr. Ropes and Mr. Weymouth make the decision so the project can move forward. Mr. Wren said they will be categorizing all the projects from the Huizenga Plaza activation on Las Olas from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Andrews Avenues to the Stranahan/Riverwalk Connection project and will then look to get partners. Mr. Wren said regarding activating Las Olas Blvd., he met with Nova Southeastern University and they will be hiring a new Museum Director to look into reinventing the museum.

Urban Oasis: Mr. Wren said he's been working with property owners on SE 6<sup>th</sup> street to create an Urban Oasis area while construction is ongoing.

Utility Box Wrap: Mrs. Van Zandt said they issued a Request for Letters of Interest for the flower baskets, which is due Tuesday. She said they will then go through a competitive bid process and will partner with the City for installation.

Downtown units: Mrs. Van Zandt said they have been working on a land use amendment for an additional 5,000 residential units. She also said that as of June 4<sup>th</sup>, approximately 3,500 units are now available from a flex zone reallocation.

Affordable Housing: Mr. Ropes asked for a status of the affordable housing item and Mrs. Van Zandt

said the City is trying to hire a consultant to prepare a City-wide (with specific focus on the Downtown RAC and the NW/Progresso area) Affordable Housing Plan. She indicated that the DDA will be part of the input process once the study is started.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

All information was in their packages.

#### **D-2 All America City Award**

Mr. Wren said the City is a finalist with this award and he offered to sponsor some money towards it.

#### **D-3 Broward County Key Economic Indicators**

Mr. Wren said the information is in their packages.

#### **Other**

Mr. Wren said he's been working as a taskforce member to build a new Federal Courthouse. He said the federal judges wanted to review and approve the RLI. He said this project will be included in the new 2014 DDA workplan.

Mr. Ropes brought up the media and said he's concerned that there is not enough outreach with the editors. Chairman Petrillo said this is part of the initiative he and Mr. Blue were working on to determine what makes a great downtown. He said they need to move forward with improving weaker areas and then work with the media on accomplishments. **Mr. Wren said he'd bring this back at the next meeting and have Mr. Blue and Chairman Petrillo meet before then.**

As there was no other business, Chairman Petrillo adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.