

Regular Meeting of the
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, August 8, 2013
110 SE 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

ROLL CALL

COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION

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

ALSO PRESENT:

John M. Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel	Jennifer Wieczorek
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director	April Kirk
Elizabeth Van Zandt, Planning & Design Manager	Hugo Fontalvo
Marti Brown, Administrative Coordinator	Ron Centamore
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner	Alexandra Scherer
Kate Sheffield, Planning Assistant	Arthur Bartholomew
John Bertino	

PRESIDING: Tim Petrillo, Chairman

Chairman Petrillo called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Roll call was taken by Marti Brown. All Board members were present. Chairman Petrillo asked if anyone had any questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, a *motion was moved by Mr. Durden and seconded by Mr. Ropes 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 July 11, 2013 DDA Board Meeting and the 7/8/13 Budget Workshop.
- C-2) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Take Steps Walk, 4/11-4/12/14
- C-3) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Walk Like MADD, 5/4/14

REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 Police Report

Sergeant Fontalvo said that in June there were 21 part one crimes and in July there were 24. He said the majority were larcenies and thefts. The Board had no issues to report.

R-2 The Wave Streetcar

Mr. Wren said the recent Washington D.C. trip was successful and that he'd like Mr. Milledge to elaborate. Mr. Milledge said they met with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) staff regarding the Small Starts funds and the next steps. He said the FTA is ready to rate the project. He said his overall feeling is positive and feels they can get through favorably. He believes the rating will happen within 60 days and then the last step would be for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) to enter into a grant agreement with the FTA to start receiving funds. Mrs. Van Zandt said the partnership is also looking at opportunities to advance the federal monies to be later repaid back. Mr. Bodenhamer asked about the relationship with the new US Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Milledge said their delegation contacts have a good relationship. Mr. Bodenhamer stressed the importance of understanding the Charlotte funding and implementation model. **Mr. Wren said if Bodenhamer has contacts with the new US DOT Secretary he would like to develop relationships with them. Mr. Bodenhamer said he would provide that.** Chairman Petrillo asked if there were any timing issues and Mr. Wren said everything is on track.

R-3 Projects Updates

Mr. Wren said there are streetscape funds and mentioned the Riverwalk Connection Project saying they are on the fast track and everything looks good. He said that Stephen Botek has been retained as the DDA's project engineer. Mrs. Van Zandt said there was a Board workshop on the project with Mr. Feldman, Genia Ellis and April Kirk and they are moving forward with an RFQ. She said Mr. Feldman committed to 50% of the net costs. She said the RFQ is due September 5th and there is a selection meeting on September 9th and then they will bring it back to the board either the first or 2nd meeting in September. Mr. O'Shea talked about Mr. Feldman's commitment and then asked who is contacting Related Group and Mr. Milledge said there is a meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Wren said that Mrs. Van Zandt and Mr. Blue have done a great job on the hanging basket project and that the baskets have been ordered and a notice to proceed has been issued. Mrs. Van Zandt said there is a 7-week lead time and that they've added more flowers than greenery. She then went through the locations and said the City will be doing the installation at no charge.

Mr. Ropes said he'd like the plans for streetscape near Jacksons (5th Avenue), Las Olas, Laura Ward Plaza and the tunnel to still happen at some point. **Mr. Wren said they had two teams do design numbers on that project and that there are other projects as well that he is shortlisting, figuring out what the commonalities are and will bring that list back to the Board. He said staff will make a recommendation. Mr. Fazio brought up south side funding and wondered where that funding was and Mr. Wren explained. He offered to sit with Mr. Fazio and discuss.**

Mr. Wren said he has a meeting with Commissioner Ryan tomorrow on the Urban Oasis concept for 6th Street to make the appearance look better while construction is ongoing on the courthouse until 2017. He said they are looking to do a sign and fence wrap and that the County will fund at approximately \$15,000 and that it's in Commissioner Ryan's district. Mr. Petrillo asked for the demographic report to be put on the agenda in September and staff confirmed it was supposed to be on this month but that Mr. Adams could not attend so it's on for September.

Mrs. Van Zandt mentioned that she went to Tampa at the request of Mr. Feldman with other City staff where they discussed entertainment districts. She said they have a follow up meeting with

Chairman Petrillo set for next week along with a policing meeting. She went into detail on what the conference focused on and said the meetings are geared toward the Himmarshee area and trying to improve the conditions. Chairman Petrillo said the City is on Board. Mr. O'Shea said there are three entertainment districts and he thought one was scheduled to expire this year and wondered if that's been discussed and Chairman Petrillo said yes.

Mr. Wren said there was a committee meeting yesterday on the Federal Courthouse. **He mentioned there is a new County Legislative person by the name of Sean Kolaskar and that he will send the Board the backup.** He said that Susan Lent has been working with Ian Rayder, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz's Chief of Staff, on this project and it's in a good place. He said there will be a Government Service Administration (GSA) joint transportation committee with Congresswoman Lois Frankel's involvement. He said there are 5-6 pilot projects including ours that are in poor physical condition. He said there is \$900,000 for interim repairs and that there will be a public/private partnership (PPP). Mr. Wren said there are over 100 courthouses around the country and Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz has said this is her number one priority project nationally. He said it should be more defined about 3-5 months out and they will probably do letters of interest and will submit that back to the Board. Mr. Wren said Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz asked that everyone be on the same page so Commissioner Kiar will keep the County Commission updated since he's on the task force and Mayor Seiler will keep the City Commission in the loop and then they will reach out to the State legislation delegates. He said it will be about six months before the private sector will begin to submit proposals and that this is a significant undertaking. He said the result will be a new Federal Courthouse and Building. He briefly explained the public/private partnership. Mr. Bodenhamer indicated he supports resources on time but not money.

Mrs. Van Zandt brought up the residential units land use amendment and said they are moving forward with the additional 5,000 units and that it's scheduled for the City Commission meetings of September 3rd and 17th and then it will go to the County. She added that the office has been getting a lot of phone calls from investors on the unit availability. **Discussion was held on the number of available units and Mr. Wren said he would forward a chart to the Board.** Mr. Milledge said the main issue will be affordable housing. General discussion was held.

Mr. O'Shea wanted an update on the one stop shop with reference to a contribution of land for the maintenance facility for the Wave Streetcar. Mr. Wren said it's being evaluated by a project management team for appraisals and Mr. Milledge elaborated. Mr. Ropes asked about the FEC station and timing and Mr. Milledge said he has not seen any plans but he's heard they may be looking at a Broward Boulevard location and possibly relocating the bus terminal. He said the station itself will have a waiting area on top of the tracks but he hasn't seen anything definite.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

D-1 News Articles

All information was in their packages.

D-2 State of the Downtown

There was no report.

As there was no other business, Chairman Petrillo adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.