

Regular Meeting of the  
Downtown Development Authority  
Thursday, January 9, 2014  
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  
D. Fredrico Fazio, Board Member  
William H. Bodenhamer, Jr., Board Member

**NOT PRESENT:** Gregory Durden, Board Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

John M. Milledge, DDA Legal Counsel	Patricia Zeiler
Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director	Ron Centamore
Marti Brown, Administrative Coordinator	Josh Stern
Chadwick Blue, Urban Planner	Matt Lorraine
Kate Sheffield, Planning Assistant	Fausto Santos
Genia Ellis	Brandon Stewart
Tom Meyer	Paul Weinberg
Russ Davis	John Bertino
Mark Mattern	Elizabeth Van Zandt

**PRESIDING:** Tim Petrillo, Chair

Chairman Tim Petrillo called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken by Marti Brown. All Board members were present with the exception of Mr. O’Shea who arrived later and Mr. Durden. Chairman Petrillo asked if anyone had any questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, a *motion was moved by Mr. Weymouth 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 December 12, 2013 DDA Board Meeting
- C-2) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Ft. Lauderdale Shamrock Run, 3/16/14
- C-3) Approval of Outdoor Event Application-Walk to End Alzheimer’s 2014, 10/31-11/1/14

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **R-1 Board Elections**

Chairman Petrillo asked if there was a nomination for Chair. Mr. Weymouth nominated Mr. Ropes with Mr. Fazio seconding. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

Chairman Ropes asked if there was a nomination for Vice Chair. Mr. Bodenhamer nominated Mr. Weymouth with Mr. Petrillo seconding. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

Chairman Ropes asked if there was a nomination for Secretary. Mr. Fazio nominated Mr. O'Shea with Mr. Weymouth seconding. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

Chairman Ropes asked if there was a nomination for Treasurer. Mr. Fazio nominated Mr. Petrillo with Mr. Weymouth seconding. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

### **R-2 Police Report**

There was no report today.

### **R-3 TMA Update**

Patricia Zeiler told them the new downtown link route was effective January 2<sup>nd</sup>. She said the beach route is aligned with this route. She said they are up in ridership totaling 80-90 riders per day and they are trying to double that number as it's aligned with the Wave route.

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

Mr. Wren said there has not been a lot of activity lately. He said they are awaiting word from the FTA on the New Starts rating and he explained how the rating affects the project. Mr. O'Shea arrived. Mr. Ropes asked about the maintenance and storage facility issue and Mr. Wren said right now the location is the One Stop Shop. He said the City Manager is negotiating with the FEC trying to get a location on 17<sup>th</sup> street and if that occurs, the application would have to be amended. Discussion held on what the maintenance and storage facility is envisioned to look like. Mr. Wren said the Board would be involved with the design. Chairman Ropes said All Aboard Florida has asked the DDA to incorporate the Wave coming through and connecting to the platform in the design. Elizabeth Van Zandt said the City has been working with FEC and that they are not putting this in their plan so the City will be going after an EDA Grant so there is pedestrian access. Mr. Wren said the President's bill should be public in February but that he anticipates hearing about the rating before then. Mr. Milledge said that they are looking ahead at extending the Wave to the port and airport and that he went to Tallahassee and made a pitch for a 50/50 split State and Local. He said they need \$130 million so they would need \$65 from the State. He said there is always a benefit of a transit connection from the port to airport and it's a route that will work. He said moving forward, the goal is to get into their budget by the fall as well as MPO's plan. He said he's been in contact with the City for their long range plans. Mr. Milledge said this was a key step and it's very positive.

### **R-5 Projects Update**

Genia Ellis said the easement document for the Riverwalk Connection is now in the City Attorney's office. She said both parties have agreed and have given their needs. She said after the easement is drawn it will go to the City Commission and then on to construction. Mr. Wren said he met with Bob Dunckel of the City who indicated there were three major priorities and he explained. Mr. Wren said

he offered to hire an attorney to review this so it can get out of his office and Mr. Dunckel is supposed to get back with him.

Chairman Ropes said another project is the security program and he asked if a Board member would like to be an advocate on the DDA's side and Mr. Petrillo volunteered. Chairman Ropes said that Jim Ellis has already done a lot of leg work on this issue and they can work as a committee. Mr. Wren said he'd like to have it operational by the next fiscal year. He said funding will need to be worked out and he said he will look at the City and stakeholders for a funding strategy and will come back to the Board with the gap amount. He said raising the millage may be an option also. Mr. Weymouth said he is behind the project and said he'd still like to look into the issue of creating a downtown district. Chairman Ropes said they should talk with the Sheriff's office regarding court appearances and where the origin of the arrest was for those individuals. He also said having a feeding station in the downtown is an issue. Mr. Wren emphasized that this program must be done with the Police to be effective. He said the City must be a principal partner. He said the Mayor informed him yesterday of a homeless workshop on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The Board asked if there was a point person from the County and Mr. Bertino said he would talk to Commissioner Ryan about it.

Mr. Wren said the flower baskets are all installed. **Mr. Fazio asked if there were plans to do 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Andrews and Mr. Blue indicated there was an issue with the poles but he would go back and check. Mr. O'Shea mentioned that he's seen flower baskets in Victoria Park at the end of Broward Boulevard on the east and wondered who's doing those and Mr. Blue said he would find out.** Mr. O'Shea said they look great.

Mr. Wren said the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that he received, on the Board's behalf, an innovation award from the Chamber and showed the award.

Mr. Weymouth asked about the status of the Tunnel Park project. Mrs. Van Zandt said they abandoned the original process and are doing a call to design professionals with the DDA and POLO. She said the City approved \$500,000 for this project and meetings will begin most likely in February. She explained why they changed course. Chairman Ropes asked if it will be done in conjunction with the County's Centennial Fund and Mrs. Van Zandt said that was always the goal. Mrs. Van Zandt said she will also be reaching out to Anthony Lauro who's on the urban planning team on POLO.

Mr. Weymouth asked if the design ideas at Huizenga Plaza will be moving forward and Mr. Wren said he was looking at all the projects the Board is interested in and the federal grant monies. He said because the Riverwalk Connection was a high priority he wanted that final amount first before he moved onto Tunnel Park. He said there are several projects that he will come back for direction on.

Mr. Weymouth asked about the ICON site and when they are still planning on opening the sales trailer and Mr. Wren said he hasn't heard anything lately and Chairman Ropes said he heard they want to begin construction in June.

Mr. Fazio asked about the monies in streetscape and bond proceeds that were scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street on the south side and wondered what the plans for that area are. **Mr. Wren said he will have to look into where the proceeds have gone.** He said that the remaining streetscape funds have not really been identified on where the Board wants to spend them and there's about \$700,000 left.

**Chairman Ropes asked how the Board felt about having another retreat to talk about where they are going over the next five years and what they are working on now as well as the organizational capabilities. After discussion the Board decided it should be half a day in the morning.**

**Walk on item: Agreement Between SFRTA & the DDA for Administrative Services & Support of the Fort Lauderdale Wave Street Project**

Mr. Wren said he just received the final draft and he and John Milledge already discussed it. He explained how it would allow the DDA to collect funds for staffing to offset raising the millage. He said he is not sure how much the amount will be exactly but is looking for a motion in support of the agreement. Mr. Milledge said it is a fair agreement. *Mr. Bodenhamer made a motion in support of the agreement with Mr. Petrillo seconding. By roll call, all were in favor.*

Chairman Ropes thanked Mr. Petrillo for all his services as Chair and said he did a fabulous job.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**D-1 News Articles**

All information was in their packages.

As there was no other business, Chair Ropes adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.