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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (EDAB)
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, December 12, 2012 – 3:45-5:15 P.M.

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Sheryl Dickey, Chair	P	11	1
Kit Denison, Vice Chair	P	11	1
Miya Burt-Stewart	P	9	3
Al Calloway	P	11	1
*Cary Goldberg	P	9	3
Jason Hughes	P	10	2
George Mihaiu	A	9	3
Cort Neimark	A	10	2
Denyse O'Grady	P	6	1
Ralph Riehl	A	9	3
Daniel Siegel	A	6	6

At this time, there are 11 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum.

*Board member Cary Goldberg participated via teleconference

Staff

Alfred Battle, CRA Director, Economic & Community Reinvestment Manager
 Jenni Morejon, Deputy Director, Department of Sustainable Development
 Karen Reese, Economic Dev. Rep., Economic & Community Reinvestment

Communications to City Commission

Motion by Dr. Burt-Stewart and seconded by Mr. Hughes to support the business application of Cycle Party, USA and request that the Commission allow the applicable permitting requested. **Motion** passed unanimously.

I. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

Chair Sheryl Dickey called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m. It was noted a quorum was not present at this time.

II. Introductions

The Board, Staff members, and guests introduced themselves.

Chair Dickey noted that since a quorum was not present the Agenda would be taken out of order.

V. Business Capital Improvement Program

Hal Barnes, Neighbor Services, Manager introduced the program and stated that the four applicants received had been reviewed and ranked by staff in the administrative categories. The Board now needs to listen to the presentations and provide their evaluation. Based upon the Board's recommendation he would move forward to the Commission with recommendations.

- **13th Street Alliance, Inc** **Tim Smith** **\$22,500**
Requesting funding to complete streets for 13th Street Corridor for lighting, landscaping and irrigation.

The Board asked questions and there was discussion about the project.

- **Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club, Inc** **Genia Ellis** **\$22,500**
Requesting funds for decorative fencing and identification signs for converting Stranahan Park into a Botanical garden.

The Board asked questions and there was discussion about the project.

- **Ft Lauderdale Bch Vlg Merchants Assn, Inc** **Tim Schiavone** **\$22,500**
Requesting funds to continue their Master Plan which includes decorative streetlights to enhance safety at the north end of the Fort Lauderdale Beach behind the B Hotel (Sunrise Lane & 9th Ave).

The Board asked questions and there was discussion about the project.

The Board wanted clarification as to last year's determination to re-purpose lighting on A1A for lighting on these projects. Mr. Barnes explained that it was determined that those lights were not salvageable.

There was additional discussion regarding the need for transparency if the same project has to return to the Board over several years for funding that this should be openly stated at their initial request for funding.

Additional discussion ensued.

- **Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, Inc** **Genia Ellis** **\$22,500**
Requesting funds to install multi use exercise stations along the Riverwalk Linear Park.

Board member Jason Hughes stated that as a member of Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, he might not be able to vote on this project. Staff clarified with the City Attorney's office that Conflict of Interest is determined when a member will benefit financially from the project being voted on. It was decided that Mr. Hughes could participate in the vote. The Board asked questions and there was discussion about the project.

Mr. Barnes summarized the voting process for the 2013 BCIP Program and informed the Board that City funds would not become available for the approved applicants in this cycle until October 2013.

Motion by Mr. Calloway and seconded by Mr. Hughes that all four projects were significant projects and all should therefore be approved for the \$22,500 each by the Board. **Motion** passed unanimously.

III. Approval of November 14, 2012 Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Calloway seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012 meeting. **Motion** passed unanimously.

IV. Non-Motorized Vehicle Application – Cycle Party USA, LLC

Jenni Morejon, Deputy Director, Department of Sustainable Development explained why this project was coming before the Economic Development Advisory Board. She stated that she is recommending to this Board that since this not a formal requirement for this type of permit. Therefore, in an effort to be more business friendly this Board might not the have these types of permits come before them in the future.

Michael and Christopher Haerting, Cycle Party USA briefly discussed their 16 passenger covered cycle. Locations for operating the cycle were also discussed.

The Board expressed their support of this project.

Motion by Dr. Burt-Stewart and seconded by Mr. Hughes to support the business application of Cycle Party, USA and request that the Commission allow the applicable permitting requested. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Old / New Business

Discussion of January agenda items.

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There being no further business to come before this Board, meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

[Minutes prepared by Patricia L. Smith, Secretary III]