

SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

April 25, 2006

A regular meeting of the Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency was held in the North Miami Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, beginning at 5:38 p.m.

(Phonetic spelling of each speaker's name may be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known.)

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ROLL CALL

Marie Erlande Steril	Here
Scott Galvin	Here
Chairman Kevin A. Burns	Here
Jacques Despinosse	Here
Michael R. Blynn	Here

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 11, 2006, approved by Board.

ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

- I. TAB 1 – PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CRA NA FANM AYISYEN NAN MIYAMI, INC. (ASSOCIATION OF HAITIAN WOMEN IN MIAMI, INC.) RELATING TO THE PREPARATION OF A SURVEY INSTRUMENT TO ASSIST THE CRA IN THE IDENTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT NEEDS WITHIN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

The Executive Director withdrew this item.

TAB 2 – UPDATE – PROPOSED ARCH CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the Arch Creek Environmental Preserve identified by the Board for inclusion as a recommended project under the CRA plan. The Executive Director advised that after discussion with County staff, additional details are required.

Board Member Galvin gave a brief presentation to the Board about the need to create an official Arch Creek Environmental Preserve through legislation to protect the sensitive environmental area from development. Board Member Galvin advised that the Arch Creek Environmental Preserve project should be included in the Comprehensive Plan, the Parks Master Plan and the CRA's Redevelopment Plan. Board discussion.

TAB 3 – DISCUSSION OF THE PROCESS AND TIMETABLE FOR: AMENDMENT TO THE 2005-2006 BUDGET; AMENDMENT TO THE CRA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE 2006-2007 BUDGET; AND PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS SUPPORTING SPECIFIC PROJECTS UNDER THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Executive Director reviewed with the Board the process and timetable for amending the 2005-2006 budget to include the Ruck's Park Project. The Executive Director also discussed the 2006-2007 budget process and inclusion of projects suggested by the Board as specific projects implementing the redevelopment plan.

The Executive Director also discussed the timetable for approval from Board of County Commissioners of the CRA request for a letter of credit for the CRA's commitment for funding of the purchaser subsidies and North Miami Housing's 15% fee for Ruck's Park. Staff will prepare materials to amend the budget to be presented at the next Advisory Committee meeting on the May 4, the CRA Board and City Council on May 9, the Tax Increment Finance Committee in June, the Rolle Committee in July and the Board of County Commissioners after recess, in September, all in order for the CRA to meet the current timeline for Ruck's Park.

The Executive Director advised that after discussion with County staff, each proposed project in the 2006-2007 budget should be prioritized and include detailed information. Some of the projects to be proposed are

the Arch Creek Environmental Preserve, the Olympic Training Facility, parking garage for MoCA, and the new City Library.

The Executive Director further advised that staff has also prepared a proposed budget for 2006-2007 with a timeline. The Executive Director also explained the challenges with the CRA's fiscal year beginning in October and TIF funds coming in January. The City would need to advance funds to the CRA to be refunded once TIF funds are received. This is the process for all CRAs in Miami-Dade County.

TAB 4 – PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO EXTEND CONSULTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL MONTHS, AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, ENDING JULY 31, 2006

The Executive Director withdrew this item.

Chairman Burns recommended, Tony Crapp, as the proposed new Executive Director. Board discussion. The Board approved a motion 4-1, authorizing the CRA Attorney to negotiate the terms of an employment contract with Mr. Crapp to be brought back to the Board for consideration.

5. INFORMATION REPORTS – Provided in the Agenda Packet

A. Advisory Committee – Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, April 5, 2006

B. Press

“Regional Leaders Say South Florida is in Crisis,” South Florida Business Journal, April 14-20, 2006

Hearings Slated to Start Next Week on Revisions to North Miami Charter,” Miami Today, Week of April 13, 2006

“Billboards New City \$6 Million,” Miami Herald, April 16, 2006

“People on the Move,” Daily Business Review, April 14, 2006

“The Culture Creators,” Florida magazine, April, 2006

“Raid Exposes Renters’ Woes,” Miami Herald, April 15, 2006

“FIU Wants to Sell Land it Does Not Own,” Miami Herald, April 14, 2006

C. Articles of Interest

“Bill Assists Affordable Housing,” South Florida Business Journal, April 14-20, 2006

“Condo Conversions Revert to Rentals,” South Florida Business Journal, April 14-20, 2006

D. Information on Employment and Wages, Median Income and the Housing Affordability Gap

VI. Reports

D. Board Members

(NONE)

E. CRA Attorney

(NONE)

F. Executive Director

(NONE)

Next Board Meetings: May 9, 2006 at 5:30 PM
 May 23, 2006 at 5:30 PM

Next Advisory Committee Meeting – May 4, 2006 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.