

SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

January 23, 2007

A regular meeting of the Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board was held in the North Miami Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, beginning at 5:36 p.m.

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

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Flag salute led by Steven Zelkowitz

ROLL CALL

Marie Erlande Steril	Here
Scott Galvin	In at 5:38 pm
Chairman Kevin A. Burns	Here
Jacques Despinosse	In at 6:21 pm
Michael R. Blynn	Here

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 12, 2006, approved by Board

ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

I. TAB 1 – ACTION ITEM: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF CRA COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION AND BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS

The CRA Executive Director reviewed recommendations for the award of CRA Commercial Rehabilitation and Beautification grants. The CRA Executive Director advised the recommendations reflected CRA Advisory Board considerations of the Review Committee. Board discussion. The Board approved the Resolution by a 4-0 vote. Board Member Despinosse absent.

II. TAB 2 – ACTION ITEM: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH SANSON, KLINE JACOMINO & COMPANY, LLP PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT

AWARD FOR RFP #2006-02 TO CONDUCT THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE CRA FOR FY 2005-06

The CRA Executive Director presented the Resolution authorizing the execution of a proposed contract with Sanson, Kline, Jacomino & Company, LLP. Board discussion. The Board approved the Resolution by a 4-0 vote. Board Member Despinosse absent.

III. TAB 3 – ACTION ITEM: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP OF NORTH MIAMI PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT AWARD FOR RFP #2006-03 TO PROVIDE HOMEBUYER TRAINING, CREDIT PRE-QUALIFICATION AND PURCHASE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The CRA Executive Director presented the Resolution authorizing the execution of a proposed contract with the Housing Partnership of North Miami. The Board approved the Resolution by a 4-0 vote. Board Member Despinosse absent.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEM: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CRA'S FY 2006-07 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES: HOMEBUYER SUBSIDIES (\$200,000), DEVELOPER/OWNER INCENTIVES (\$500,000) AND SINGLE FAMILY HOME REHABILITATION (\$602,950)

The CRA Executive Director reviewed the table of strategies provided in the Agenda packet and motions made by the CRA Advisory Committee. Board discussion, public discussion. The Board approved by a 4-0 vote, the recommendations: Home Buyer's Subsidies as stated in Alternative B, Developer/Owner Incentives as stated in Alternative A, agreeing with the overall concept of the CRA purchase of existing housing units and deferring Single Family Home Rehabilitation until the next CRA Board meeting. Board Member Despinosse absent.

V. ACTION ITEM: CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF THE BEL HOUSE APARTMENTS CONTAINING 65 UNITS LOCATED AT NE 139TH STREET AND NE 6TH AVENUE BY THE CRA TO BE PRESERVED AS AFFORDABLE RENTAL APARTMENT UNITS

The Executive Director reviewed the recommendation regarding requesting support of the Board, authorizing negotiations for the acquisition of the Bel House Apartments, to be brought back to the CRA Advisory Committee and the CRA Board. Board discussion. The Board approved by a 4-0 vote. Board Member Despinosse absent.

VI. ACTION ITEM: THE STATUS OF A FEASIBILITY REVIEW AND THE CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE MIAMI WAY THEATER BUILDING LOCATED AT 12615 WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY CONSISTENT WITH THE CRA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Executive Director provided a status report to the Board. The Executive Director requested support of the Board, authorizing negotiations for the acquisition of the Miami Way Theater and the adjacent building. Board discussion. The Board approved by a 4-0 vote. Board Member Despinosse absent.

VII. ACTION ITEM: CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR SPONSORSHIP/SUPPORT OF LOCAL ORGANIZATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS

The Executive Director presented a proposed policy that governs sponsorship/support of local organization events, programs and functions. Board discussion. The Board approved by a 5-0 vote.

VIII. ACTION ITEM: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROPOSED FINAL AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN A LINE OF CREDIT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$10,758,300 FROM REGIONS BANK PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT AWARD PURSUANT TO CRA RFP #2006-01

The Executive Director presented the Resolution regarding the proposed final agreement with Regions Bank. Board discussion. The Board approved by a 5-0 vote.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEM: UPDATE REGARDING THE REVISED TIMELINE FOR THE NEW CITY COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN (CDMP)

The Executive Director presented the revised timeline for the new City Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). Board discussion.

X. DISCUSSION ITEM: CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCIES – 3 APPOINTMENTS NEEDED

Board Member Galvin appointed Armando Vidal to the CRA Advisory Committee. The Board approved unanimously.

XI. REPORTS

A. Board Members

The Board discussed holding CRA Advisory Committee meetings in the Council Chambers for video recording.

B. CRA Attorney

(NONE)

C. Executive Director

The Executive Director advised of ongoing activity beginning on sight at Pioneer Gardens.

The Executive Director advised the Resolution regarding expanding the Enterprise Zone was going forward to the Board of County Commissioners on January 25th.

The Executive Director advised the Beacon Council awards recognized the partnership of North Miami and Biscayne Landing as an award recipient for corporate responsibility to be presented February 28th, 2007.

D. Next Board Meeting: February 27, 2007, at 5:30 PM
Next Advisory Committee Meeting – February 5, 2007, at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.