

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

**July 8, 2008**

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, July 8, 2008, beginning at 5:32 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 Board Member Blynn

#### **I. ROLL CALL**

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

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 24, 2008, approved by Board

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

The Executive Director introduced Elliud and Rose Guerrier as brand new homeowners who are the first purchasers to be assisted through the CRA's home purchase subsidy loan program in a closing that occurred on a condominium unit earlier today. The Executive Director acknowledged Gibraltar Bank as the first mortgage lender and also noted the Federal Home Loan Bank for additional funds and additional contributions from the Developer.

### III. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

#### **TAB 1 – STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE PROPOSED SCOPE OF REHABILITATION FOR THE BEL HOUSE APARTMENTS EAST BUILDING**

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the proposed scope of rehabilitation for the Bel House Apartments east building. Joe Guarino, Urban Residential Development Group, Ltd; and Les Beilinson, Beilinson Gomez Architects, PA; gave a brief status report to the Board. John Dellagloria, representing the owners, present. Board discussion.

#### **TAB 2 – FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW CRA COMMERCIAL GRANT PROJECTS**

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding funding recommendations for new CRA Commercial Grant Projects. The Executive Director acknowledged the work of Dan Lima, Economic Development Specialist; and the other members of the Commercial Grants Review Committee including Judy Feldman, member of the CRA Advisory Committee; Jan Sitko, member of the City's Business Development Board and also thanked CRA staff-member Gareth Mann. The Executive Director advised the Board that the CRA Advisory Committee was unanimously in favor of the proposed recommendations. Board Member Galvin moved to approve the recommendations for commercial grant projects as presented, seconded by Board Member Steril; passed unanimously.

#### **TAB 3 – PROPOSAL FROM THE BUXTON COMPANY TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY ID RETAIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI**

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding a proposal received from the Buxton Company. The Executive Director explained the Buxton Company's proposal to analyze the City's commercial corridors to match consumer profiles with potential retailers in order to recruit targeted retailers and restaurants for economic development. The Executive Director advised this item also appears on the City Council Agenda and that the proposed locations to be analyzed are within the CRA boundaries such that funding for the project could be fully supported by the CRA. No

public discussion. Board Member Despinosse moved to approve authorizing the Executive Director to move forward with the Buxton Company proposal and include funding for the project in the amount of \$70,000 in CRA's FY 08-09 budget, seconded by Board Member Galvin; passed unanimously.

**TAB 4 – REVISED DRAFT PROPOSED FY 2008-09 PRELIMINARY BUDGET WITH RECOMMENDED FUNDING PRIORITIES**

The Executive Director presented revised preliminary estimates of revenues and projected expenditure allocations for projects, programs and activities as a follow-up to the City's 2008-09 budget workshop including additional initiatives and adjustments targeted for funding by the CRA. The Executive Director advised the Board that the CRA Advisory Committee has reviewed the revised preliminary draft. Board discussion.

**TAB 5 – CRA FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT AS OF MAY 31, 2008**

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the CRA's financial activities, revenues and expenditures and reviewed the budget to actual comparison as of May 31, 2008.

**TAB 6 – RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NMCRA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Executive Director presented the Resolution approving final proposed amendments to the CRA Redevelopment Plan. The Chairman opened and closed the public hearing with no member of the public commenting. Board Member Blynn moved the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Galvin; passed unanimously.

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Board Members**

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the Pioneer Gardens at North Miami housing development.

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the Motel 7 property on NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Board discussion regarding the news of the downtown Starbucks store closing.

B. CRA Attorney

(NONE)

C. Executive Director

(NONE)

D. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at North Miami City Council Chambers

Next Advisory Committee Meeting – Monday, August 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at North Miami City Council Chambers

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.