

SUMMARY MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

September 24, 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 Wednesday, September 24, 2008, beginning at 6:00 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

Board Member Marie Erlande Steril	Here
Board Member Scott Galvin	Here
Chairman Kevin A. Burns	Here
Board Member Jacques Despinosse	Arrived at 6:14 pm
Board Member Michael R. Blynn	Here

Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals

The CRA Executive Director advised of an additional packet with revised and supplemental items previously provided to Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 9, 2008, approved by Board

ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

I. TAB 1 –PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2008-09 PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET

The CRA Executive Director reviewed changes from the outcome of the meeting on September 9, 2008. The CRA Executive Director reported on motions moved by the CRA Advisory Committee for consideration by the Board.

The CRA Executive Director advised of final millage rates set by Miami-Dade County at 4.8379 and the City of North Miami at 6.9195.

The CRA Executive Director reported the total amount of increased revenue and expenditure reductions is \$240,193 and recommended this amount to be allocated to the Bel House Apartments rehabilitation project.

The CRA Executive Director advised the CRA's budget is balanced at \$14,290,323. TIF revenue payments from the City of North Miami and Miami-Dade County are combined for a total of \$8,570,633, approximately a \$700,000 increase over the current year's budget.

The CRA Executive Director advised fiscal year 2008-09 available funding for capital projects totals \$10,253,945.

The CRA Executive Director advised that approval of the pending redevelopment plan amendment will be considered at a public hearing by the Board of County Commissioners that is scheduled for October 7, 2008. Included in the budget is a community policing initiative for Police – Holiday Enforcement Action Team that is awaiting the County approval of the plan amendment before expending any monies. The CRA Executive Director further advised that final County approval of the FY 2008-09 budget is expected in November.

Chairman Burns recommended amending the proposed budget by allocating \$50,000 of the \$240,193 funds towards the Downtown Development Master Plan; another \$50,000 towards the home mortgage foreclosure assistance program; and \$83,273 towards to the Bel House Apartments rehabilitation project; and money towards security cameras for city parks. The CRA Director advised there is a balance of \$650,000 for neighborhood beautification that could be used for security enhancement cameras in the parks.

Board Member Blynn recommended allocating money for purchasing property. After further discussion it was recommended that \$50,000 be allocated for security enhancement in the parks instead of for the downtown master plan.

The CRA Executive Director advised the balance of \$56,920 should be allocated to redevelopment activity and not to a reserve account. Chairman Burns suggested allocating the balance of \$56,920 towards the Economic Development Assistance and Incentive fund for a possible new business incentive or assistance program to complement the commercial grants program. Board Member Galvin moved to accept the suggestions as recommended by Chairman Burns, seconded by Board Member Steril; passed 4-1. Board Member Blynn denied.

Public discussion.

Board discussion regarding the Academic Internship Program that is funded in the budget. The Executive Director gave background information detailing the program.

Officer Willie Walden, Assistant Director of the Police Athletic League of North Miami, Inc. (PAL) gave a brief report to the Board.

Dr. Sylvan C. Jolibois, Jr., Project Director from JHS & Associates, Inc. gave a brief report to the Board regarding the Academic Internship Program.

Board Member Despinosse moved the Resolution approving the CRA's FY 2008-09 proposed final budget, as amended, seconded by Board Member Steril; passed 4-1. Board Member Blynn denied.

Board Member Galvin moved the Resolution approving the CRA's FY 2007-08 proposed amended budget, seconded by Board Member Steril; passed 4-1. Board Member Blynn denied.

II. TAB 2 – STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION REGARDING ABSENCES BY CRAAC MEMBERS DURING FY 2007-08

No action taken.

III. REPORTS

A. Board Members

(NONE)

B. CRA Attorney

(NONE)

C. Executive Director

(NONE)

D. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at North Miami City Council Chambers

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.