

SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

March 10, 2009

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, March 10, 2009, beginning at 5:33 p.m.

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

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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

Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals

(NONE)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 24, 2009, approved by Board

III. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

**TAB 6 – INTRODUCTION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FY 2008-09 SCHOLARLY
TRAINING IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH (S.T.U.D.Y.)
ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The CRA Executive Director advised the Board that 24 students, all residents of the City, were selected for the internship program.

Dr. Sylvan C. Jolibois, Jr., Project Director from JHS & Associates, Inc., gave a brief report to the Board regarding the Academic Internship Program. Dr. Jolibois introduced the students who were present as participants in the program.

TAB 1 – STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE PIONEER GARDENS AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT RELATIVE TO SITE/ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION, PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BUDGET, SITE PLAN, PROJECT DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION FINANCING, DEVELOPMENT TIMETABLE, ETC.

The CRA Executive Director updated the Board that he is waiting for DERM to respond to the supplemental Site Assessment Report addendum that was submitted on January 13, 2009. The CRA Executive Director advised that a meeting was scheduled between URDG and DERM representatives on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 and comments are expected regarding the status of the remediation of the site.

TAB 2 – STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE PROPOSED SCOPE OF REHABILITATION FOR THE BEL HOUSE APARTMENTS EAST BUILDING

The CRA Executive Director updated the Board that the new roof has been completed with the necessary City inspections. The CRA Executive Director advised the Board that bids have been received and are under review and evaluation for the balance of the rehab scope of work. The CRA Executive Director advised the Board a full report on the remaining work would be made available in April along with recommendations for demolition work and the remainder of the rehab scope.

TAB 3 – STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE CRA COMMERCIAL GRANTS PROGRAM

The CRA Executive Director updated the Board that a status update was provided in the Agenda packet. The CRA Executive Director advised the Board over 30 commercial grant projects have been awarded for an amount of 1.1 million dollars, with an estimated

\$200,000 that has not yet been allocated. The CRA Executive Director proposed that the Board open the program to accept additional applications to identify approximately five or six new projects for funding consideration. Board discussion. The Board approved the request to re-open the program.

TAB 4 – RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 1(g) OF THE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE RULE AND REGULATIONS TO ADD LANGUAGE RELATING TO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES BY CRAAC MEMBERS

The CRA Executive Director advised the Board regarding a proposed amendment to the bylaws for the CRA Advisory Committee adding a provision for two (2) excused absences. Board discussion. Board Member Galvin moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Steril; passed unanimously.

TAB 5 – STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR FIRE STATION 18

The CRA Executive Director updated the Board that the proposed fire station went before the County Commissioners and was approved. The CRA Executive Director advised the Board the County would be responsible for demolition on the site and would prepare the site for the new fire station. The CRA Executive Director has requested a timetable of events from the County to implement the new fire station project. The CRA Executive Director advised the Board that groundbreaking could take place sometime in April subject to coordination with the County and completion is expected in 2012.

TAB 6 – INTRODUCTION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FY 2008-09 SCHOLARLY TRAINING IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH (S.T.U.D.Y.) ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Taken out of order, see after: II. Approval of Minutes.

IV. REPORTS

A. Board Members

(NONE)

B. CRA Attorney

(NONE)

C. Executive Director

The CRA Executive Director advised the Board Wednesday, April 15th and Thursday, April 16th is scheduled for the North Miami Urban Land Institute/Technical Assistance Panel in the City of North Miami.

D. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting – Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.