

SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

April 14, 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, April 14, 2009, beginning at 5:37 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 Steve Zelkowitz

I. ROLL CALL

Board Member Marie Erlande Steril	Here
Board Member Scott Galvin	Arrived @ 5:42 pm
Chairman Kevin A. Burns	Here
Board Member Jacques Despinosse	Arrived @ 5:42 pm
Board Member Michael R. Blynn	Here

Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals

The CRA Executive Director provided additional supplements for Tab 3.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

III. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

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 regarding the letter received from DERM dated March 11, 2009 and the option contained in the letter for the CRA to pursue a “No Further Action with Conditions” status for the Pioneer Gardens site. The CRA Executive Director is working with the Housing Enterprise and environment consultants to determine the detailed scope of work to be completed along with an estimated cost and timetable for presentation to the Board. The CRA Executive Director also advised that he would provide a report on the impact relative to selecting a new architect for the project including design options, and financing for the site work and construction at the next CRA meeting on April 28th. Board discussion.

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

The CRA Executive Director provided an updated comparative analysis of the estimated cost for the rehabilitation.

Board Member Galvin moved to approve the CRA Director’s recommendation to move forward with interior demolition, seconded by Chairman Burns; for discussion. Board discussion. Public discussion.

Joe Guarino, representing the Housing Enterprise, gave a brief report to the Board.

The Board voted, Item passed by a 5-0, vote.

TAB 3 – RESOLUTION REGARDING CRA FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LONG-TERM DEBT

The Executive Director requested the Board consider ranking project and program funding priorities. The Executive Director provided CRA Advisory Committee member rankings for the project and program funding priorities as information for the Board to consider.

Board Member Blynn moved to continue this item to the next meeting, seconded by Board Member Steril; passed unanimously.

**TAB 4 – PRESENTATION BY THE BUXTON COMPANY
REGARDING THE NORTH MIAMI RETAIL CORRIDOR STUDY**

The CRA Executive Director introduced Chip Rogers, Senior Vice President, Community ID Division, Buxton Company. Mr. Rogers gave a brief presentation to the Board on the final report relative to the North Miami Retail Corridor Study. Board discussion. Public discussion.

IV. REPORTS

A. Board Members

Board Member Galvin requested the Board consider moving the meeting to another night independent of a Council meeting. The CRA Executive Director would bring the request back for further discussion during the CRA Board meeting scheduled for June 9, 2009.

Board Member Galvin requested the CRA Executive Director to determine if a sidewalk connecting the David Lawrence K-8 School near Biscayne Landing could be funded by the CRA. The CRA Executive Director will research the request and report back at the next CRA Board meeting on April 28th. Public discussion.

B. CRA Attorney
(NONE)

C. Executive Director
(NONE)

D. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.
at City Council Chambers.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting – Meeting on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.