

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

June 23, 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, June 23, 2009, beginning at 5:49 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 Andre D. Pierre	Here
Board Member Jacques Despinosse	Here
Board Member Michael R. Blynn	Here

#### Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals

(NONE)

The CRA Executive Director recognized Bennie Trinidad, NANAY, introducing James Holiday and Heather Libert and family, first time home buyers under the affordable housing program assisted from the partnerships of NANAY, the CRA and funding sources. Annie Montgomery present.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 2009, approved by Board

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

**TAB 1 – RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION GRANT ASSISTANCE TO ARCO GLASS & MIRROR CORP FOR THE PROJECT LOCATED AT 617 NE 125<sup>TH</sup> STREET FROM \$75,663 TO \$80,000**

Alix Desulme read the title for the record. Board Member Blynn moved to approve, seconded by Board Member Galvin; for discussion. The CRA Executive Director advised the petitioner was not present. Board Member Steril moved to continue the item so the applicant can be present, seconded by Board Member Galvin; Board discussion. The CRA Attorney advised the Board if the Board wants to require the petitioner be present, a rule should be adopted for future reference. The Board voted to continue the item; passed unanimously.

Joe Celestin inquired as to whether Board Member Despinosse could sit on the CRA Board, since he resigned from the Council under the Resign to Run Law in accordance with Election guidelines. Chairman Pierre advised the City Attorney's legal opinion that Councilman Despinosse is properly seated on the Council and therefore, as stated by the CRA Attorney, properly seated on the CRA Board. Ms. Whitfield confirmed her opinion on the record until the successor takes office.

**TAB 2 – RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR NEW COMMERCIAL BEAUTIFICATION AND COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION GRANT PROJECTS**

Mr. Desulme read the title for the record. The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the recommendations for funding approval for new commercial beautification and commercial rehabilitation grant projects. Several of the applicants were present. Board Member Galvin moved to approve, seconded by Board Member Despinosse; for discussion. The Board questioned inactive status. The Executive Director advised for those projects, the owner was contemplating selling the property and was no longer interested in grant funds. No public discussion. The Board voted; passed unanimously.

**TAB 3 – PROPOSED SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY AND AKILAH CAPITAL**

**GROUP LLC FOR SERVICES RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF LONG-TERM DEBT BY THE NORTH MIAMI CRA**

Mr. Desulme read the title for the record. The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the item deferred from May 26<sup>th</sup>, to go before the CRA Advisory Committee and to confirm the status of Akilah Capital Group, LLC as active. The Executive Director advised the CRA Advisory Committee has reviewed the item and the status of Akilah Capital Group, LLC has been confirmed as active. Board Member Despinosse moved to approve the subcontract agreement, seconded by Board Member Galvin; for discussion. Public discussion. Board discussion. Board Member Galvin moved to amend the motion for a cap on the salary to \$90,000, seconded by Board Member Steril; passed by a 4-1 vote. Board Member Blynn denied. William Wallace IV gave a brief report to the Board regarding obtaining bonds for the project. The Board voted to approve the subcontract agreement, as amended; passed by a 4-1 vote. Board Member Blynn denied.

Board Member Galvin moved to request the CRA Attorney to review with the Florida Ethics Commission to be sure the agreement is within the parameters of ethics, seconded by Board Member Steril; passed unanimously.

**TAB 4 – DISCUSSION OF THE FY 2009-2010 BUDGET OUTLOOK AND FUNDING PRIORITIES**

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the budget process on a joint basis with the City’s budget process. TIF revenue projections will be coming forward from the property appraiser’s office with an approximate reduction of \$1.5 million in net TIF revenues.

**TAB 5 – DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE MODIFICATION OF THE DATE AND/OR TIME FOR THE SCHEDULING OF FUTURE CRA BOARD MEETINGS**

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

Board Member Blynn asked the Board to consider hosting a workshop to discuss adding two citizens to the Board.

**IV. REPORTS**

A. Board Members

(NONE)

B. CRA Attorney

(NONE)

C. Executive Director

(NONE)

D. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting – Meeting on Monday, July 13, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.