

SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

January 26, 2010

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, January 26, 2010, beginning at 5:36 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 Jean Rodrigue Marcellus	Here
Board Member Michael R. Blynn	Here

Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals

The Executive Director provided an additional handout for Agenda Item, Tab 1.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

Board Member Galvin moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Board Member Marcellus; passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

TAB 1 – STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE AWARD OF FUNDING THROUGH THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR FY 2009-10 FUNDING FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC & BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CRA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The CRA Executive Director provided an update advising the Board that he informed those agencies that were awarded funding and requested the agencies respond to accept the funds awarded and to provide a revised scope of services and budget from their organization, due today. The CRA Executive Director received seven responses out of nine organizations, with all seven organizations accepting the awarded funding. The CRA Executive Director did not hear from the Haitian Organization of Women and Partners for Self-Employment but did expect to receive a response from both of those organizations.

The CRA Executive Director received responses for revised scope of services and budgets from three of the organizations and is awaiting responses from the other six organizations.

The CRA Executive Director advised the Board he wanted to move forward expeditiously and requested a delegation of authority to go forward to negotiate and execute contracts with the organizations subject to the review of the contracts by the CRA Attorney for legal sufficiency. Board Member Galvin moved to approve the CRA Executive Director negotiate and execute contracts with the nine organizations that were awarded funding, seconded by Board Member Marcellus; passed unanimously.

TAB 2 – REQUEST FROM BEVERLY HILTON FOR CRA FUNDS IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$7,400 TO INSTALL A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE CHALLENGER SCHOOL

The CRA Executive Director advised this item, continued from January 12th, was a request from Beverly Hilton for \$7,376.49 to assist with the balance for installation of a fire alarm system in the Challenger School.

Beverly Hilton gave a brief report to the Board advising the Challenger School is a 501C3, not for profit organization. The CRA Executive Director advised the Board that previously, the Challenger School was awarded \$14,830 for exterior improvements under the Commercial Beautification Grant program, where not for profit status of the organization was confirmed.

Ms. Hilton did not apply for CDBG funding for the past two years; received the award for the Commercial Beautification Grant and CDBG funding approximately three years ago.

Ms. Hilton advised the Board after approval, she would pull the permit and have the fire alarm system installed.

The CRA Executive Director advised an executed grant agreement would be required before funds are disbursed.

Board Member Steril moved to allocate \$7,380 from the FY 2009-10, Commercial Beautification Grant program, waiving any applicable requirements of the Commercial Beautification Grant program as may be necessary, including but not limited to, allowing the additional allocation and allowing interior work involved with the Fire Alarm System to be implemented, seconded by Board Member Galvin; passed unanimously.

TAB 3 – STATUS UPDATE REGARDING RESPONSES TO THE REQUEST FOR INPUT (RFI) ISSUED BY THE FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY RELATIVE TO THE CRA’S PLAN TO SECURE DEBT FINANCING IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$27 MILLION FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The CRA Executive Director introduced Mr. Ed Marquez, Senior Vice President of the First Southwest Company, providing a status report to the Board.

Mr. Marquez advised the Board the RFI was sent to fourteen (14) banking institutions and he has received responses from four (4) banking institutions. Bank of America was not interested in participating at this time but that may change in the future, City National Bank advised the \$27 million level was larger than they wanted to get involved with at this time but left the door open for responses to future RFP’s, Region’s Financial Bank is interested in borrowing requests from the CRA and Capvesco Equity Firm discussed interest in bidding on the RFP.

Mr. Marquez advised that he would contact each of the institutions requesting suggestions and further input for the preparation of the bid document for the Board’s consideration in the near future.

The CRA Executive Director advised the Board that a further discussion of funding priorities for the anticipated debt financing in the amount up to \$27 million would take place at the February 9th CRA Board meeting.

The CRA Executive Director would schedule appointments with Board members to discuss funding priorities and projects.

IV. REPORTS

A. Board Members

The CRA Executive Director updated the Board regarding swale improvements and beautification efforts in Sunkist Grove Community. The CRA Executive Director advised the City was in charge of the project and the CRA was the funding source.

The CRA Executive Director advised recommendations to re-allocate monies from FY 2009-10 budgeted projects would be on the March CRA Board Agenda.

Chairman Pierre suggested providing a grant to a not for profit legal services organization to provide assistance for Haitian relief efforts with the TPS (temporary protective status) application. Board Member Blynn moved to approve an amount up to \$15,000 as a grant for sponsorship to a non profit legal services organization, subject to final legal review, seconded by Board Member Galvin; passed unanimously.

The CRA Executive Director advised the Board the CRA's 2009-10 budget is still pending review by the County staff and TIF Committee before going forward to appropriate committee and the Board of County Commissioners. County staff wants the issue resolved regarding the TIF refund authorization before going forward with the budget review. Commissioner Dorrin Rolle has agreed to be the prime sponsor of legislation through the committee process to the Board of County Commissioners regarding an amendment that has been approved by the CRA Board and the City Council allowing the option for a TIF refund for the next three fiscal years. The CRA Executive Director advised this item should be scheduled on the agenda for the Housing and Community Development Committee chaired by Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, at their next meeting on February 10th. The CRA Executive Director advised supporting sponsorship is

expected from Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, Commissioner Sally Heyman and Commissioner Barbara Jordan.

B. CRA Attorney

Mr. Zelkowitz advised his law firm, GrayRobinson P.A. has raised \$6,000 towards the Haitian relief efforts.

C. Executive Director

Board Member Blynn moved to purchase a table in the amount of \$1,300, to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities installation dinner where Board Member Blynn would be installed as President. Motion failed for lack of second.

D. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

Next Regular Advisory Committee Meeting – Monday, February 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.