

CRA Advisory Board Meeting
April 7, 2014 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM

Present were:

Mike McDearmaid

Clint Bower

Clark Reynolds

Roseline phillipe

Pastor Enoch Millien

Kenny Each

Codio Sanchez

The meeting started at 6:45 PM. Only four members were present at the beginning of the meeting. Three members joined the meeting mid way.

For a lack of quorum the minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting were not approved. Mr. Frank Schnidman proceeded to give an update on the process to extend the life of the CRA. He spoke of the need to identify major projects such as installations, construction, reconstruction street facilities, play grounds, parking garages, landscaping, and area wide improvements. He cited the City of Delray Beach as a model North Miami can emulate for its redevelopment project. Mr. Schnidman also identified issues that prevent redevelopment. The principal culprit according is a sluggish economy.

Mr. Schnidman followed with a five minute presentation of a video entitled Delray Beach – The success Story. It highlighted what the people of Delray Beach did to improve their quality of life. The video emphasized how the City and the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency collaborated with private developers to bring businesses, including hotels, restaurant, and a night life to the area. Mr. Schnidman presented some models for redevelopment that included slowing the traffic, bringing hotels, restaurants, parking garages and people to the down town area. He spoke

of the possibilities available to North Miami, including assembling all the City owned lands and advertising a Request For Qualification (RFQ) to select the best option for the down town area. He also mentioned the redevelopment activities that will be generated by the All Aboard train stop that is in the planning stage for North Miami. Lastly, he suggested that the entrances to the City should support the planned redevelopment. Mr. Schnidman's report was enthusiastically received by the Advisory committee.

The committee voted unanimously on a motion to advise the CRA Board to prioritize phase one of the downtown redevelopment on 125th street, specifically the area spanning from the railroad track to Five Points.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM