

*North Miami C.R.A. Advisory Committee
Summary Minutes*

*June 15th, 2015
6:30 P.M.*



The Special CRA Advisory Board Meeting of the City of North Miami was held in Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, June 15th, 2015, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- *No Roll Call done.*

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- *Mr. McDearmaid*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting: March 2nd, 2015

- Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion moved.

IV. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

Agenda Item #1 – Beautification Grant Request from Saavedra LLC

- Ms. Cameau introduction of the requestor of the grant. The address of the property is 12625 N.E. 14th Avenue. The grant request amount is \$15,000.00.
- Ms. McDevitt's request is for painting and stucco of the exterior building, removing slabs in front of storefront and yard, and replace fence and gates.
- Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion moved to send to the CRA Board for approval.

Agenda Item #2 – Update of FY12 Façade Grant:

a. Starfire Enterprises LLC/ Cosmic Cones Ice Cream

- Mr. Sorey: Grant approved for Starfire in 2008. One grant was closed out earlier this year, this is the second grant. Property is not open and currently pending. Staff recommended to close the file and proceed to the Board for actions regarding Starfire Enterprises LLC.

- Mr. Wolland: Attorney for Starfire describes the improvements to the interior since receiving the CRA grant. Starfire has had numerous setbacks and would like the opportunity to open the business. Requesting an additional six months to move forward with their plan, work with staff and complete the grant.

- Ms. Cameau: CRA funds cannot be carried over and over for a project. Resolve it and have a caveat to allow the applicant to reapply at another time. The grant agreement states the project would be done within one year and three months of the work. Carrying over funds from year to year is not good for auditing purposes. The best solution is to close this grant and give the applicant time to come back to reapply for the balance.

- Mr. Sorey: Monthly reports to the Board to move forward.

- Mr. Wolland: Agreed to the monthly reports to the Board.

- Ms. Estime-Irvin: Request to close it and reopen the grant.

- Ms. Cobo: Concerns regarding the lack of communication from Starfire Enterprises LLC.

- Mr. McDearmaid: Concerns regarding correspondence submitted to Starfire from CRA Attorney. N.E. 14th Avenue. The grant request amount is \$15,000.00.

- Ms. Cameau: Starfire indicated no receipt of the certified mail from CRA Attorney. CRA guidelines states you cannot apply for a grant for five years if you're already received a grant. Recommend the CRA Board to waive the five year restriction to allow Starfire to apply for the balance of the \$80,000.00 grant.

- Mr. Sorey: The balance of the grant is \$20,000.00.

- Ms. Cohen: Concerns regarding the validity of the lease.

- Mr. Wolland: The ability to reapply and complete the project, Cosmic Cones.

- Ms. Estime-Irvin: Motion to close the application. Allow the applicant to reapply.

- Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

b. El Kiosko Restaurant

- Ms. Cameau: Grant for \$15,000.00 given in 2011. Variance required from the City to do the work. Recommend closing the application with a balance of \$6,947.00 and reapply.

- Mr. Wolland: Applicant made several improvements in 2012 for Part 1. Part 2 is the placement of an awning in the back of the business. The City lost the engineers wind calculations making the project unable to proceed. The applicant has hired another engineer and the City is helping to absorb the cost. The applicant does want to complete the project.

- Mr. Sorey: Confirmed the City's liability in the loss of the plans months ago.

- Mr. Wolland: Confirms applicant should have everything finished by the end of the fiscal year if the variance is approved.

- Motion made to allow the applicant to continue until the end of fiscal year. At which time if the project is not completed, it will be closed out. Amendment to the motion to request monthly reports from the applicant. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #3 – RMA Update

- Ms. Cameau: July 8th workshop with Advisory Committee and the CRA Board from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers. RMA will present the findings and analysis of projects appropriate for the CRA. The type of proposal to submit to the County in order to extend the life of the CRA.

- RMA Update: The areas of the agenda to extend the life of the CRA. One, the background research and the existing conditions update that were completed. The demographic update as well as the market analysis. The opportunities and the constraints for the CRA moving forward in the new CRA plan. Second, the analysis on the three public/private partnership opportunities that were identified in the downtown area, the parking lot east of City Hall, the lot west of MoCA and the lot on 126th Street.

V. CRA ATTORNEY REPORTS

- *None*

VI. CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

- Ms. Cameau: Discussion the residential program regarding the loans for the Foreclosure Prevention Program and also the First Time Homebuying. Payments are being received from the Foreclosure Prevention Program. To date \$588.00 has been collected. Borrowers have 36 months with 0% interest from the start of payments until completed. Notices have been sent out to First Time Homebuying for information to determine if they still qualify for the program, property insurance and the CRA is on the insurance. The Ygrene Program was approved throughout the City. Funds can be used as a cash match to the CRA grant. West Dixie Highway is one of the corridors in need of façade improvements. Notices were sent out to residential, commercial, condominiums and apartments notifying them of the program.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- *None*

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- *None*

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- *Motion to adjourn.*