

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

*January 4th, 2016
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, January 4th, 2016, 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

ROLL CALL

Mr. Aristide	Here	Mr. McDearmaid	Here
Ms. Cobo	Here	Dr. Emilien	Here
Ms. Cohen	Absent	Dr. Moise	Here
Mr. Each	Absent	Mr. Reynolds	Here
Ms. Estime-Irvin	Absent	Mr. Robillard	Absent
Ms. Geimer	Here	Mr. Sanchez	Here

- Ms. Cameau: Quorum was reached.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- *Mr. McDearmaid*

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

- Motion made by Dr. Moise. Seconded by Ms. Geimer. Motion made and approved.

IV. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

Agenda Item #1 – Interim Executive Director's Salary Increase

- Ms. Cameau: November 10th, 2015 Council Members voted to allow the CRA Board grant \$25,000.00 stipend to the Interim Executive Director. The amount is

\$481.00 weekly. The actual amount is \$5,000.00 increase from the already allotted stipend amount of \$20,000.00. Staff recommends approval.

- Motion made by Mr. Reynolds. Seconded by Dr. Moise. Motion made and approved.

Agenda Item #2 – Request For Rehabilitation Grant from 20 Northeast, LLC/13390-94 West Dixie Highway.

- Ms. Cameau: One caveat is, they're in the process of renovations and could not get bids for a full rehab grant of up to \$80,000.00. Part 1 of the grant request in the amount of \$35,500.00 for new awnings and impact windows and doors. Business owners will return to request additional grant funds for painting and fencing. Staff recommends approval.

- Ms. Rojas: PAL tentatively will occupy the second floor. The first floor is tentatively for retail, café and maybe a restaurant.

- Motion made by Mr. Reynolds. Seconded by Dr. Moise. Motion made and approved.

Agenda Item #3 – CRA Plan Update Presentation by RMA

- Mr. Clowder: The scope of work for RMA was to update the background and the existing conditions. To review the past plans for the City and the CRA for the CRA area. To analyze the P3 opportunities that were identified in the Downtown Plan and the anticipated TIF revenues. As well as take the approval of the plan through the adoption process at the City and Miami-Dade County. RMA is proposing an extension of the CRA for an additional 29 years. That will bring the CRA to the full 40 years per State Statutes from the original date of creation. The CRA is 60% of the City of North Miami along N.W. 17th Avenue to Biscayne Boulevard and along Biscayne Boulevard to a small part of Sans Souci to the SoliMia project. The plan is to improve Downtown and enhance the commercial corridors of 125th Street, West Dixie Highway, N.W. 7th Avenue and N.E. 6th Avenue. The Public/Private Partnership opportunities in Downtown as well as capitalize on the Tri-Rail Coastal Link. The Tri-Rail Coastal Link is a P3 opportunity for mixed use development surrounding the Tri-Rail Coastal Link. To preserve the neighborhood character is a vital part of the CRA. The initial goal is economic development, which is what is going to drive the tax base growth. Continue the grant programs already implemented in the current CRA. Add more merchant assistance programs in the CRA. The Clean Team and Code Enforcement element in the CRA Plan is of vital importance to promote our Downtown Plan. The second goal is the commercial corridor to work with private sectors to identify opportunities for redevelopment.

V. CRA ATTORNEY REPORTS

- *None*

VI. CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

CRA Officer Activity Report

- Commander Bage: November 19th was the start of the CRA detail on a limited basis. And on November 30th, it went full time. Five hours in the morning from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and five hours in the evening from 5 P.M. to 10P.M. On the weekends, Friday and Saturday the detail is until 2 A.M. All the downtown businesses are pleased to see the CRA Officers in the Downtown District. CRA Officers have made contact with 136 business owners and provided information about security and safety in the CRA area. The CRA Officers did 334 business checks.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- *None*

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- *None*

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- *None*

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Dr. Moise and seconded by Ms. Geimer.