

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

*February 22nd, 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, February 22nd, 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 arrived at 6:35 P.M.	Dr. Emilien	Absent
Ms. Cohen	Here	Dr. Moise	Here arrived at 7:00 P.M.
Mr. Each	Here	Mr. Reynolds	Here
Ms. Estime-Irvin	Here arrived at 7:00 P.M.	Mr. Robillard	Absent
Ms. Geimer	Here	Mr. Sanchez	Here

- Ms. Cameau: We have quorum, sir.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- *Mr. McDearmaid*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting: January 4th, 2016

- Motion made by Ms. Geimer. Seconded by Mr. Sanchez. Motion made and approved.

IV. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

Agenda Item #1 – Proposed Amendment to CRA Redevelopment Plan

- Ms. Cameau: CRA is set to sunset as of October 1st, 2016. Mr. Clowder, Mr. Zerkowitz and herself was hired to help extend the life of the CRA. To update the CRA Plan, projects feasible to extend the life of the CRA, to revitalize Downtown North Miami. Presenting a plan is progressive, achievable and has great ideas to extend the life of the CRA. The County representatives approve of the plan. The Interim Executive Director and her went to

the County for the fiscal year budget and was commended for the work and should serve as a model for other CRAs.

- Mr. Clowder: Refresher on the plan and the funding strategies and different options for the City Council and CRA will decide upon. Further going to the County and the approval process at the County and enter into an interlocal agreement for the North Miami CRA. The focus is on implementation and growing the TIF so any additional projects can be funded. The County suggests ways to reinforcing the plan is to start looking at the extension of the Miami Beach CRA over a year ago as precedent. The County is looking for limiting the TIF for what's it going to cost to implement the plan and the identified projects. The County is not extending CRAs and provide unlimited TIFs to be allocated for a few projects. To extend the excess increment to the taxing authorities, the City and the County. The County will request that a County Commissioner on the North Miami CRA Board. The County may also request a limit on administrative expenses. One of the five focuses is economic development that will drive growth and property tax base. Two is, working on the commercial corridors both public and private. Third is, to work on targeted industries as well as the strong clusters. Fourth is, public improvements and infrastructure. Fifth is, neighborhood improvements and the reduction of slum and blight. Per the current interlocal agreement is 95% of the tax increment generated within the boundary of the CRA comes to the CRA. All the increment generated from the County portion of taxes, that the County pays into the CRA from the area west of Biscayne gets rebated back to the County yearly. Second option, keep existing boundaries and get 50% of the new tax increment in all boundaries with no refund to the County. The City and the County would each receive 50% of the new tax increment to the general funds. The third option was to modify boundaries and cut off SoliMia and would no longer be in the boundary of the CRA. Which would be a full 95% CRA district with no refund to the County. The first five fiscal year projections were discussed.

- Ms. Soray-Cameau: Will present the proposed amendment to CRA Board for approval following that, to the County for extension purposes. The two options to vote upon are, 1. 50%, with the same geographic area; 2, 95% minus the Munisport/SoliMia.

- Executive Director Sorey: Staff is recommending 50%.

- Mr. Clowder: 50% is more fiscally responsible. It funds the implementation of the plan and returns revenue to the taxing authority.

- Chair McDermid: Motion made by Ms. Estime-Irvin to accept Staff's recommendation for 50%. Seconded by Mr. Each. Motion made and approved unanimously.

V. CRA ATTORNEY REPORTS

- Discussion regarding the implementation of a County Commissioner or designated appointee to the Board.

VI. CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Discussion on Grand Jury Report on CRAs

- *None*

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- *None*

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- *None*

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- *None*

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Mr. Each and seconded by Mr. Sanchez.