

MINUTES OF MEETING
DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman:	Tamara James
Vice-Chairman:	Bill Harris
Board Members:	Chickie Brandimarte Bobbie H. Grace Marco A. Salvino, Sr.
Executive Director:	Rickelle Williams
City Attorney:	Thomas Ansbro
CRA Secretary:	Thomas Schneider

2. Citizen Comments

Lauren Odman, 85 Gulfstream Road, spoke of the community's concerns and her support of the At Home Dania Beach program.

3. Administrative Reports

Director Williams thanked everyone who participated in the inaugural Dania After Dark event and spoke of the future event planned for July 14th.

3.1 2018 Arts and Seafood Celebration: Post Event Report

Director Williams reviewed the information in the agenda packet, in particular the financial spreadsheet, and spoke of the impact the rain had on the event. We will look at the dates for next year's event and how our contracts are structured.

Board Member Grace felt the event was terrific and brought people from all over Broward together as a community. She also commented on Dania After Dark and suggested the food trucks be spread out for future events.

Chairman James applauded staff for the event and felt it will become an event people look forward to attending.

Director Williams thanked the City and CRA staff for coming together to work on the event.

3.2 Dania Beach City Center Redevelopment: Developer Focus Group - July 10, 2018

Director Williams reviewed the flyer in the agenda packet, and noted the focus group is for developers and key property owners only.

Board Member Grace questioned the estimated number of attendees.

Director Williams is expecting at least 100 attendees, and noted 10 RSVPs have already been received.

3.3 Dania Beach City Center Redevelopment: Community Charrette - July 23, 2018

Director Williams reviewed the flyer in the agenda packet, and noted the charrette is for the general public.

Board Member Grace commented perhaps next year it could be held at City Hall. Director Williams explained the Developer Focus Group is being held at City Hall, while the Community Charrette location is the Gallery of Amazing Things.

Director Williams spoke about the TAP Grant and MPO Complete Streets grant funding improvements for NW 1st Street. We will need to remove the TAP Grant improvements planned for NW 1st Street to be eligible for the Complete Streets Grant. City staff is working on these modifications and will be submitting them to the MPO and FDOT.

Chairman James asked about the timeline for the grant.

Director Williams responded it is anticipated for next fiscal year.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations on this agenda.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes:

Approve Minutes of the May 8, 2018 CRA Board Meeting

5.2 Travel Requests: None

5.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-CRA-009

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("CRA"), OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ADVANCE APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH A BID ADVERTISEMENT FOR EVENT PRODUCTION AND

MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE 2019 ARTS AND SEAFOOD CELEBRATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-CRA-010

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("CRA"), OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ADVANCE APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH A BID ADVERTISEMENT FOR EVENT PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DANIA AFTER DARK DOWNTOWN MONTHLY ART WALK; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Board Member Grace motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Board Member Brandimarte. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:

Board Member Brandimarte	Yes	Vice-Chairman Harris	Yes
Board Member Grace	Yes	Chairman James	Yes
Board Member Salvino	Yes		

6. Proposals and Bids

There were no proposals on this agenda.

7. Discussion and Possible Action

7.1 "At Home Dania Beach" Residential Revitalization Program

Director Williams noted she gave a presentation on this item at the last CRA Board meeting and reviewed the information in the agenda packet.

Board Grace suggested Director Williams review the program goals and components.

Director Williams briefly addressed the program goals and components. The five areas include removal of slum and blighted conditions, creating CRA area beautification, facilitating new developments and redevelopment projects, attracting private investment in the CRA area, and fostering neighborhood pride. Beautification includes the painting of homes and/or landscaping. The CRA recommendation for property disposal is Neighbors First and/or pocket parks. The development of the six parcels the CRA owns would be for affordable housing, in particular, single family homes. The component of home ownership would include helping people get into the homes through down payment assistance and home-buying education courses. Lastly, there would be a home-buying trust fund, which is a mechanism to fund affordable housing or residential beautification projects; it could also be a source of revenue to do future projects.

Board Member Grace asked if Director Williams had reached out to banking institutions as suggested at the last meeting.

Director Williams responded she has had contact with three housing counseling agencies in Broward County to assist new home buyers as well as existing homeowners.

Director Williams gave a brief presentation for the benefit of the audience in attendance, which included these components of the program: beautification, preserve the block, down payment assistance, funding for real estate services, and use of vacant land for parks. She also addressed program funding and eligibility requirements.

Board Member Salvino commented there would be controversy on the funding from residents outside of the CRA boundaries.

Director Williams responded the City Commission would have to look at this.

Board Member Brandimarte felt the CRA's direction is homes, whereas the CRA was originally started for the downtown area.

Director Williams noted the charrette will help us to address the downtown City Center development.

Board Member Grace said we have been talking about the walkscape in downtown for nine years and we need to take action; however, the City gave the CRA the six parcels for home development and we need to do that. We also need to honor the homes in the Oasis project area which was the Smith's store location.

City Attorney Ansbro noted a deed restriction could be used that would require unanimous consent from the City Commission to change it.

Board Member Brandimarte said she asked the City Attorney to provide a document with wording to cover this.

City Attorney Ansbro responded he spoke with Commissioner Grace and wanted a consensus from everyone. All five City officials need to be on board with deed restrictions to make the new lots part of the Oasis before moving forward.

There was unanimous consensus to move forward with the deed restrictions for the three lots as part of the Oasis project.

Director Williams asked the CRA board to adopt the At Home Dania Beach revitalization program and enable her to move forward making the program a reality.

Board Member Grace motioned to adopt the At Home Dania Beach Residential Revitalization program and authorize the CRA Executive Director to take all steps necessary to implement the program; seconded by Board Member Brandimarte. The motion carried on the following 5-0 Roll Call vote:

Board Member Brandimarte	Yes	Vice-Chairman Harris	Yes
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Board Member Grace
Board Member Salvino

Yes
Yes

Chairman James

Yes

7.2 West Dania Beach Boulevard Railway Crossing Improvements

Director Williams reviewed the information in the agenda packet. There is no plan for improvements from the MPO until 2045; we do have streetscaping funding in the CRA budget that could be used toward making railroad crossing improvements.

Board Member Salvino questioned why we did not do something now while the crossing is being torn up along Dania Beach Boulevard.

Marc LaFerrier, Director of Community Development, explained the work being done along Dania Beach Boulevard is the sewer line for Dania Pointe, which is an unrelated item and different kind of work. There would not have been time to coordinate with the private developer and FEC, who are doing the work.

City Attorney Ansbro noted engineering alone for the crossings would cost around \$180,000, which has to be done by FEC engineers. He explained the situation with Proulx Building Materials and noted the fines coming to the City from FEC have accrued to over \$300,000 at this point, which could be a source of possible funding.

Director Williams said we are proposing to coordinate a design with the FEC on our right-of-way.

Board Member Grace asked if the CRA funding would be enough.

Director Williams noted we could do a portion this year and a portion next year; we would have enough funds to cover the project.

Vice-Chairman Harris spoke of a recent MPO meeting and Proulx vacating their location, which could possibly be used for a Brightline and Tri Rail station, with mixed-use housing.

Director Williams noted her hope is that this project will address some of the safety concerns we are having for those walking over the tracks.

Chairman James asked Director LaFerrier if NW 1st Street would be addressed with the streetscape plan that addresses the railroad track on Dania Beach Boulevard.

Director LaFerrier responded yes, the grant does include a pedestrian-friendly crossing for the railroad tracks on NW 1st Street.

Chairman James spoke of the lack of signage in this neighborhood and asked where funding for signage for the area would come from.

Director LaFerrier noted that would be a part of the budget process, and described the nature of funding for the existing signs.

Director Williams stated there is a signage item on the City Commission agenda tonight; we anticipated these signs in the rebranding initiative. We will do an assessment for replacement, as well as an evaluation for what needs to be there.

Board Member Brandimarte felt we should not do anything right now until we know what FEC's improvements would be.

Director Williams noted we are proposing to start with a plan, as it is a safety issue. The cost to engage with an engineering firm to develop a plan would be around \$15,000; anything beyond that would be brought back to the Board.

Board Member Grace motioned to approve \$15,000.00 for a consulting engineer; seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris.

Board Member Salvino questioned the funding issue, and suggested leveraging the fines being accrued by FEC in order to get a commitment from them to do the crossing improvements.

Board Member Grace withdrew her motion.

City Attorney Ansbro clarified this would be for leading up to and away from the tracks, on City-owned property.

Board Member Salvino asked if we could table this item.

City Attorney further explained the Proulx situation.

Mayor James agreed this is a safety issue; she does not favor us footing the entire bill, but she supports doing some improvements. Proulx has not moved for the two years that she has been here, and there is still a safety concern.

Board Member Grace motioned to approve \$15,000.00 for a consulting engineer for the approach to the railway crossing; seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris.

Board Member Salvino questioned what construction would be worked on.

City Attorney Ansbro clarified it would be preliminary work for the approach to the crossing. This is the part outside the corridor of the FEC easement that leads up to and away from the railroad tracks.

The motion carried on the following 3-2 Roll Call vote:

Board Member Brandimarte	No	Vice-Chairman Harris	Yes
Board Member Grace	Yes	Chairman James	Yes

Board Member Salvino

No

8. Board Member Comments

Board Member Brandimarte spoke about having lunch in Hollywood where paper straws, not plastic, were provided. She felt Dania Beach should ban plastic straws.

9. Information Items

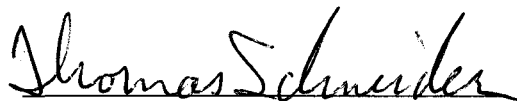
9.1 *Housing Broward An Inclusive Plan* by Coordinating Council of Broward

Herbert Goldwire, 180 E Dania Beach Boulevard, spoke about development in the City and gentrification, and wanted to know if the Board members are all on board with this issue if it arises.

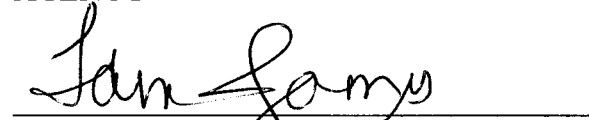
10. Adjournment

Chairman James adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:


THOMAS SCHNEIDER, CMC
CRA SECRETARY

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY


TAMARA JAMES
CHAIRMAN – CRA

Approved July 24, 2018

