

MINUTES OF HYBRID MEETING
DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Present:

Chair:	Tamara James
Vice-Chair:	Marco A. Salvino, Sr.
Board Members:	Joyce L. Davis
	Lori Lewellen
	Lauren Odman
Executive Director:	K. Michael Chen
City Attorney:	Eve Boutsis
CRA Secretary:	Thomas Schneider

2. Citizen Comments

There were no comments at this meeting.

3. Administrative Reports

3.1 Administrative Reports

Director Chen reviewed the information included in the agenda packet, consisting of updates on contacting CRA staff, the CRA Plan update, the Dania Beach Innovation Ecosystem (the Dania Beach Business Academy and the Passions To Profits program), and ED tools on the CRA website (Director Chen provided a demonstration on the use of these tools from Localintel).

Chair James asked how often the information is updated.

Director Chen responded the fee includes the design, maintenance, and data updates. Depending upon the specific data set, they are updated as they are updated from the source.

Board Member Davis questioned the plan to get the information out to the public.

Director Chen noted we need to figure out how to reach our constituents; this was frequently mentioned at the CRA Plan update workshops. Business Attraction & Investment Manager Harris is going out every month and carrying flyers, meeting with businesses and we will be using the website and email blasts. It will take us a while to be more significantly noticed, but we are making that effort.

Director Chen continued with the administrative report with updates on sidewalks at FEC railroad crossings. He noted this endeavor belongs within the purview of Public Services.

Chair James felt that if we have a vital street that FEC would support, having a partnership with Public Services would be key.

Director Chen addressed his contact with the Public Services Department, and noted they actually need to manage a project such as this.

The Board agreed Director Chen should work with Public Services toward the goal of having a street improved.

Director Chen continued with the administrative report with updates on Dania After Dark.

Vice-Chair Salvino asked if the promoter gets paid when we cancel an event.

Director Chen responded we are not charged if we give four hours' notice, and it costs us \$8,000 if we do not give that amount of notice.

Vice-Chair Salvino felt we should not cancel an event until a tropical storm warning.

Director Chen noted the last event was cancelled due to the wind.

Vice-Chair Salvino felt cancellations cause inconsistency in the event and we should have rain dates.

Director Chen explained the involvement of the event producer in determining whether the event should take place.

Board Member Lewellen asked if we could look into the contract and perhaps pro-rate the cancellation fee if we gave lesser of a notice. Residents were quite disappointed the last event was cancelled, and she wonders if there is some way to mitigate the cancellations.

Director Chen said he would consult with the event producer.

Director Chen continued with the administrative report with updates on the Arts and Entertainment District (including Mad Arts in Dania Beach, Rob Stern Art Glass Studio, and Chef Mark Cameron).

Director Chen noted he would like Board approval to place a notice in the paper to sell four CRA properties at 119, 121, 123, and 125 Phippen Waiters Road, to meet the requirements of state statute. When he brings the proposal to the Board next month, it would give us the legal standing that is needed.

Chair James questioned how the direction changed from At Home Dania Beach to selling these properties.

Vice-Chair Salvino recalled appraisals were to be gotten on these properties. He does not have an issue with putting them up for sale, but he would bet people would develop townhouses and not a restaurant.

Director Chen explained by publishing this notice, he would bring the respondents to the Board and a decision could be made then.

Board Member Lewellen clarified Director Chen is asking to publicize that we are thinking about selling the properties and not that we are actually selling them. This is just to determine the interest out there.

City Attorney Boutsis addressed these parcels being subject to RAC and RAC replenishment.

Chair James noted she does not understand the message we would be sending if townhomes were built on these properties rather than affordable or workforce housing. Her concern is that homes will be built there that do not serve the community.

Director Chen responded he has never included these properties in past discussions and would provide his past memos regarding CRA properties and their development.

City Attorney Boutsis noted the notice could include provisions for the types of homes or values.

Vice-Chair Salvino felt it should not be our 100% decision of what would go there; he would probably ask the Board at the next meeting to put these subject properties up for sale.

Director Chen said he would bring appraisals of these properties to the next meeting.

The Board agreed to Director Chen publishing a notice regarding disposal of the properties.

Director Chen continued with the administrative report with updates on economic development activities (pending Façade Grant inquiries and BRAVO business visits), and the PATCH, including the temporary closing, and addressed in detail the Strategic (Master) Plan study. He discussed the two VHB proposals and recommended we get an idea of what strategic position the PATCH is in.

The Board agreed to increase the scope of VHB by \$5,500.00 for a strategic study of the PATCH.

Director Chen continued with updates on the PATCH and addressed the storage shed. He noted the total cost of the shed would be \$7,700 and would require a budget transfer.

Chair James addressed conversations she has had with the City Manager.

City Manager Garcia noted we would go ahead and buy the storage shed before the Master Plan if that is what the Board would like.

Board Member Lewellen felt the storage shed should wait until we know what the Master Plan says.

Chair James asked how long the strategic study on the PATCH would take.

Director Chen responded a time frame was not discussed.

Chair James asked if Director Chen thought the storage shed was needed immediately, prior to completion of the study.

Director Chen said the targeted completion of the CRA Plan update is August. The PATCH is extremely short on refrigerated storage space; however, the strategic plan study should be completed along with the completion of the CRA Plan update, and the shed could wait a couple months.

The Board agreed to move forward with the storage shed at this time.

Director Chen continued with updates on the PATCH including volunteer appreciation, Global Scholars Broward tour, and June monthly theme.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations on this agenda.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes:

Approve Minutes of May 10, 2022 CRA Board Hybrid Meeting

5.2 Travel Requests: None

Board Member Lewellen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Board Member Odman. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposals and Bids

There were no proposals on this agenda.

7. Discussion and Possible Action

There were no discussion items on this agenda.

8. Board Member Comments

Board Member Davis addressed the CRA Plan update workshops and noted there were very few residents in attendance.

Board Member Lewellen noted she had attended a couple of the CRA Plan update workshops and was disappointed with the residents' turnout.

Chair James echoed the comments of Board Members Davis and Lewellen. She suggested perhaps a charrette in both sections of the CRA; it is frustrating when residents do not turn out for these workshops as we are not getting the engagement that we want.

9. Information Items

There were no items on this agenda.

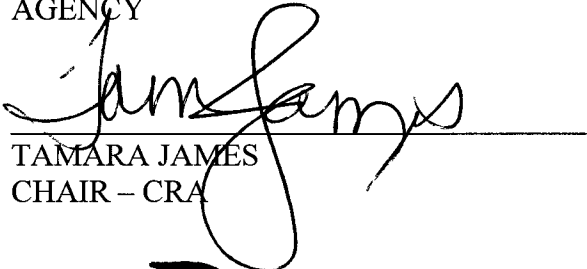
10. Adjournment

Chair James adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:


THOMAS SCHNEIDER, CMC
CRA SECRETARY

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY


TAMARA JAMES
CHAIR – CRA

Approved: July 12, 2022

