DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Present:

Chair:	Archibald J. Ryan IV
Vice-Chair:	Lori Lewellen
Board Members:	Joyce L. Davis
	Tamara James
	Marco A. Salvino, Sr.
Executive Director:	K. Michael Chen
City Attorney:	Eve Boutsis
CRA Secretary:	Elora Riera, MMC

2. Citizen Comments

None.

3. Administrative Reports

Executive Director Chen presented his administrative report that was provided to the Board in their packets. He touched on the following topics:

- Dania Beach Innovative Ecosystem – Dania Beach Business Academy Program and every class in our 4-part series had over 100 participants and the third class had 174 participants. This reflects the highest attendance of any Academy series to date.
- Habitat for Humanity – Habitat for Humanity is seeking $350,000 in a cash subsidy for a reimbursement of the infrastructure work to be done.

Discussion ensued amongst the Commission regarding the request made by Habitat for Humanity, the options of the proposal and the second responsive bidder.

After some discussion, there was consensus from the Commission to deny the cash incentive of $350,000 and for Executive Director Chen to inform the Board of their response.

City Attorney Boutsis informed that Boar that if the negotiations are terminated at that time then the resolution on the Commission agenda can be amended for the list of lands.

- Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance – Annual meeting took place on October 19th.
- Florida Redevelopment Association Attended conference on October 25th.

4. Presentations

None.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes:

- October 10, 2023 Board Meeting

Board Member James made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice Chair Lewellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously on voice vote.

5.2 Travel Requests: None

6. Proposals and Bids

None.

7. Discussion and Possible Action

7.1 Dania Beach Clean Energy Industrial Park

Executive Director Chen introduced the item. He commented about a possible manufacturing opportunity with two companies on a potentional site on two adjacent parcels of land on Griffin Road that are owned by Broward County and are not currently within the CRA.

Board Member Salvino commented that this is a lot of discussion for a property that the City does not own and given that it is not in the CRA district, the City should be doing the negotiations.

Vice Chair Lewellen agreed with Board Member Salvino. Her concern is not only that it is not in the CRA district but that there are applications for this without any consultation with the City first.

City Manager Garcia commented that she is all about teamwork and the greater good for the City. She is more than happy to help in any way she can. however, she is disappointed with the way she found out about this item. She said that it was disheartening that this was discussed and negotiated without her being involved when it is property outside of the CRA.

Board Member James commented that she does not understand how this could be presented to any county or board if the land is not owned by the City.

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the land is not owned by the City and it is not in the CRA district.

Board Member Davis stated that she agreed with the comments made by the rest of the Board and said that she would consider this if there were for a property within the CRA district.

Chari Ryan commented that he is in favor of opportunities for the City, however he agrees that there is a protocol that needs to be followed for these types of projects.

No action was taken on this item.

7.2 Commercial Façade Grant – 225 SW 2nd Terrace

Executive Director Chen introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding the estimates on these bids being provided for review and how accurate the estimates being provided are.

Vice Chair Lewellen made a motion to approve the item. Board Member James seconded the motion which carried 4-1 with Board Member Salvino voting no.

7.3 Discussion and Approval of 2024 CRA Meeting Dates – *City Clerk*

City Clerk Riera introduced the item.

Board Member Davis made a motion to approve the 2024 meeting dates. Vice Chair Lewellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously on voice vote.

8. <u>Board Member Comments</u>

Board Member had nothing to report.

Board member James had nothing to report.

Board member Salvino had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Lewellen had nothing to report.

Chair Ryan commented on the PATCH and wanted to entertain discussion from the Board. After receiving information on the PATCH, feels that unfortunately it is not working.

Board Member James commented that she is still waiting for action from the master plan.

Chair Ryan commented that he does not believe that the PATCH is viable and feels that some kind of decision should be made or to suspend all operations on the PATCH now to save costs.

Board Member Salvino agreed with Chair Ryan suspend the PATCH and that the Board should come up with ideas for the future of it.

Board Member Davis stated that she would be in favor of discussing the different options with the Board. She would not want to see the PATCH completely go away and hopes that the Board can come up with some kind of compromise for it.

Vice Chair Lewellen commented that the sales and community engagement are very low. She is not in favor of the PATCH being removed completely but is in favor of suspending it for now to discuss the future of it further.

City Attorney Boutsis informed the Board that the PATCH is owned by the City and not the CRA.

Board Member James made a motion and there was consensus from the Board to table this topic to the December 12, 2023 meeting.

9. Information Items

None.

10. Adjournment

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

ELORA RIERA, MMC
CRA SECRETARY

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ARCHIBALD J. RYAN, IV
CHAIR – CRA

Approved: November 14, 2023

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