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SUMMARY MINUTES

**REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, November 3rd, 2008

A regular meeting of the Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee (CRAAC) was held at the North Miami City Hall council Chambers at 6:20 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 | Absent/ Present | Absences 2008-09* |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Clint Bower | P | 0 |
| Blanca Cobo | P | 0 |
| Inez Couch | P | 0 |
| Dr. Smith Joseph | A | 1 |
| Michael McDearmaid | 7:12 pm | 0 |
| Roseline Philippe | P | 0 |
| Clark Reynolds | A | 1 |
| David Rosemond | P | 0 |
| Duke Sorey | 7:02 pm | 0 |
| Armando Vidal | P | 0 |
| Mark Wolin | A | 1 |
| * Absences from special or rescheduled meetings are not counted | | |

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes to the CRAAC Regular Meeting on October 6th, 2008 were unanimously approved.

IV. Items for Review and/or Action

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Item 1 - Status update regarding the Pioneer Gardens affordable housing development relative to site/environmental remediation, proposed development budget, site plan, project design, construction financing, development timetable

The CRA Executive Director gave a status update on the Pioneer Gardens project. The CRA Executive Director then introduced Daryl Lee of Urban Residential Development Group. Mr. Lee explained that DERM had analyzed the data submitted on the Pioneer Gardens site and requested additional soil samples.

Mr. Vidal asked when we can expect DERM to finish their final review, Mr. Lee responded that they will try to get the lab results of the new samples out to DERM before Thanksgiving in the hope that DERM will have the final review complete before the Christmas holiday period.

Item 2 - Proposed Agreement between the North Miami CRA and the Urban Residential Development Group for the implementation of the Single-Family Home Rehabilitation Program

The CRA Executive Director introduced the proposed agreement between the North Miami CRA and the Urban Residential Development Group for the implementation of the Single-Family Home Rehabilitation Program.

Moved by Mr. Rosemond, seconded by Ms. Couch

To recommend approval of the Proposed Agreement between the North Miami CRA and the Urban Residential Development Group for the implementation of the Single-Family Home Rehabilitation Program

Approved 6-0

Item 3 - Status update regarding the proposed scope of rehabilitation for the Bel House Apartments East Building

The CRA Executive Director gave a status update on the Bel House Apartments project. Mr. Beilinson of Beilinson Gomez Architects and Joe Guarino of Urban Residential Development Group were both present to answer any questions. Mr. Guarino said that, Mr. Jackson, Building Official at the City of North Miami has given a preliminary verbal approval of the rehabilitation plans.

Ms. Couch asked if the ground floor units would be ADA compliant. Mr. Beilinson replied that they will be.

Item 4 - Status update regarding proposed FY 2008-09 business outreach services from the Dynamic Community Development Corporation

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The CRA Executive Director introduced Steven Zorn of Dynamic Community Development Corporation who then addressed the CRA Advisory Committee about the proposed projects that Dynamic CDC will undertake in FY 08-09.

North Miami City Councilman Jacques Despinosse asked what proportion of the jobs that were created as a result of Dynamic's 2008 Job Fair were full time positions. Mr. Zorn replied that 22 of the positions were full time, and another 10 were seasonal.

Item 5 - Status update regarding proposed FY 2008-09 micro-lending program from Partners for Self Employment, Inc. d/b/a Micro Business USA, Inc.

Maria Coto described the loan and self employment training programs that are being offered at the Partners for Self Employment, Inc. program office now located in the City of North Miami.

Item 6 - Proposed changes to the CRA Affordable Housing Program requirements per the pending amendment to the Redevelopment Plan

The CRA Executive Director explained the pending amendments to the Affordable Housing policies in the CRA Redevelopment Plan. The Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners have now approved the amendments.

Item 7 - Status update regarding negotiations to extend the lease for the CRA's office space for up to two (2) additional six-month periods through December 31, 2009

The CRA executive Director explained to the advisory committee that the CRA plans on extending their current office space lease with options through the end of 2009.

Moved by Mr. Vidal, seconded by Ms. Philippe

To recommend that the CRA Board approve extending the lease for the CRA's office space.

Approved 7-0

Item 8 - Status update regarding the FY 2008-09 S.T.U.D.Y. Academic Internship Program from JHS & Associates, Inc.

Dr. Sylvain Jolibois gave the CRA Advisory Committee a summary of the pilot year Academic Internship Program funded by the CRA in FY 2007-08.

Mr. Vidal asked whether there would be any analysis done on the effectiveness of the program. The CRA Executive Director replied in the affirmative and explained that this year the program's advisory panel will be enlarged to

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represent a broader spectrum of stakeholders in the community, including a member from the Office of the City Manager, and representatives from the School Board and each of the universities in the local area.

Mr. Rosemond suggested that the advisory panel should also have some representation from the private sector, such as a major engineering firm.

Mr. Sorey noted that a majority of the interns from the pilot year were listed as interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. He advised that, in the coming year, the project should focus on recruiting students that are actually interested in pursuing a career in a field related to urban development.

Item 9 - Status update regarding FY 2008-09 program activities from the Police Athletic League of North Miami, Inc.

Officer Willie Walden of the Police Athletic League gave an update on the proposed activities of the Police Athletic League. He advised that currently the Police Athletic League is still in negotiation over its lease for a facility. The facility should be ready to open in mid to late January 2009.

Item 10 - Proposed Contract for Services for an Urban Land Institute (ULI) SE Florida/Caribbean Technical Assistance Panel

The CRA Executive Director briefed the advisory committee on the proposed Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel, which will most likely convene in February of 2009 to discuss and give expert advice on revitalization strategies for the downtown commercial core of the city including an assessment of the feasibility of bringing a hotel to Downtown North Miami.

Mr. McDearmaid mentioned that he had seen the ULI do great work with other municipalities in South Florida and considered the ULI a “great tool” for the North Miami CRA.

Mr. Vidal asked the CRA Executive Director whether two days is really a sufficient time frame for the ULI Technical Assistance Panel to get a full understanding of the challenges that the downtown area faces.

The CRA Executive Director replied that the panel will receive a package of information about North Miami, compiled by staff at the City and CRA, and will have two weeks to review this package before they convene.

Moved by Mr. Rosemond, seconded by Mr. Bower

That the CRA Advisory Committee give their support of the proposed contract of services for the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance Panel

Approved 9-1, with Mr. Vidal against

V. Old Business

No discussion.

VI. New Business

The CRA Executive Director gave a brief summary of the 2008 Florida Redevelopment Association Conference and handed out some materials from the conference recognizing outstanding CRA projects across the state. The CRA Executive Director reminded the advisory committee that in 2009, the FRA Conference will be held in Orlando.

Mr. Sorey noted the lack of medical facilities for the elderly within the City of North Miami in comparison to other neighboring cities such as Hialeah, he suggested that the City should be doing something to encourage more medical facilities to locate within the North Miami area.

The CRA Executive Director replied that the City of North Miami has in fact been working with the Borinquen Health Clinic in their efforts to locate a new branch within the North Miami city limits.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm