

SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

March 14, 2006

A regular meeting of the Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency was held in the North Miami Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

(Phonetic spelling of each speaker's name may be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known.)

Flag salute

ROLL CALL

Marie Erlande Steril	Here
Scott Galvin	Here
Chairman Kevin A. Burns	Here
Jacques Despinosse	Absent
Michael R. Blynn	Here

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 28, 2006, approved by Board.

ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

1. **DISCUSSION: BOARD MEMBER ISSUES**

A. Chair Kevin A. Burns

Olympic Training Facility and City Library as CRA Projects

The Executive Director was asked to explain the process to have new projects like the Olympic Training Facility and City Library included as CRA projects. The Executive Director outlined a process to amend the CRA Redevelopment Plan. The identified project would be brought to the Advisory Committee for review and approval to amend the Plan to include the project. Upon approval the plan amendment (the project) would go to the CRA Board for review and approval. After Board approval it would go to the City Council for review and approval. Once passed the City,

it would have to go to the County for review and approval—the T.I.F. Committee, the Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee, and the Board of County Commissioners.

Board discussion. The Board requested that the Executive Director begin the process of plan revision.

Purchase of Rental Apartments for Retention as Affordable Rental Units or Conversion to Condominium Ownership

The Executive Director reported that the CRA staff has looked at a number of properties and would soon bring back a report with additional detail. Board discussion.

B. Member Michael R. Blynn

Acquisition of Property Support for the Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA)

The Executive Director reported that the CRA staff had begun an evaluation on continuous properties in the area surrounding MOCA, including an analysis of ownership, square footage and assessed value. Board discussion.

Board discussion on the Museum of Contemporary Art's (MoCA) expansion.

C. Member Jacques Despinosse (Absent but the Board brought this issue forward for discussion.)

Ruck's Park

The Executive Director updated the Board on the CRA's Interlocal Agreement passed by the CRA Board, and pending before the City Council on tonight's agenda regarding the City managing the site clearance, seeding and fencing of the property. Board discussion.

The Board asked about the status of the Ruck's Park development. The Executive Director reported on recent staff interaction and informed the Board that a formal North Miami Housing (NMH) presentation on Ruck's Park was scheduled

for the Advisory Committee meeting on April 5, 2006. Board Discussion. The Board directed the Executive Director to bypass the Advisory Committee and bring NMH to the Board meeting for a presentation at the March 28 meeting on the cost of the current options for the site, the affordability of the units and the time line for the project, with hard facts and figures. The Executive Director confirmed that he would make the arrangement as requested.

D. Member Scott Galvin

Mr. Galvin had a series of issues, but mentioned that he and the Executive Director had covered them in previous communication, so that he would address just his outstanding concerns.

Arch Creek Environmental Preserve

The Executive Director was asked how this project could be initiated. He advised that the process should include research and analysis and inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan, the CRA Plan and the Parks & Recreation Plan and that each plan should have similar concepts. A City and CRA budget commitment to the preserve can be made once it is included as a project under these plans. Board discussion.

Homeowners' Protection Plan

Board Member Galvin advised that 2 projects would be brought forward to a later CRA Board Meeting.

Downtown Revitalization and Redevelopment

Board Member Galvin expressed his concern that in any effort to revitalize or redevelop the downtown, care should be taken not to adversely impact the pioneers that have made the effort to be in the Downtown. No action taken.

E. Member Marie Erlande Steril

7th Avenue Corridor Streetscape

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding how to make 7th Avenue more efficient with contemporary land use patterns to providing bigger sites for bigger buildings. Board discussion.

Residential Neighborhood Streetscape and Beautification

The Executive Director explained to the Board that under the Redevelopment Plan, the CRA has not only the responsibility for affordable housing but also the responsibility to improve the quality of the public areas in the neighborhoods to improve the appearance of the streets. Board discussion.

F. Other Issues

The Executive Director in response to Board Member Blynn informed the Board that an accountant had been retained and that CRA consultant Chief of Staff Chuck Adams was working with him to prepare financial reports for the Advisory Committee and the Board. Board discussion.

2. **REPORTS**

A. **BOARD MEMBERS**

Various items of interest presented by the Board.

B. **CRA ATTORNEY**

(NONE)

C. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

(NONE)

D. **NEXT CRA BOARD MEETING – MARCH 28, 2006 AT 5:30 PM**

The next regular meeting is scheduled on March 28, 2006, at 5:30 pm. The Board requested that the discussion for the meeting would be limited to issues surrounding Ruck's Park and to an update on the efforts to acquire rental apartment buildings.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.