

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 7, 2011

A regular meeting of the Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee (CRAAC) was held at the North Miami City Council Chambers at 6:05 pm.

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

#### I. Call to Order

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>Absent/ Present</b>	<b>Absences 2010-11</b>
Clint Bower	P	0 (+2 E)
Ricardo Brutus	P	0 (+0 E)
Blanca Cobo	P	0 (+1 E)
Arnold Delva	A	4 (+0 E)
Kenneth Each	P	0 (+0 E)
Michael McDearmaid	P	0 (+0 E)
Roseline Philippe	P	0 (+1 E)
Clark Reynolds	P	0 (+0 E)
Duke Sorey	A	4 (+0 E)
Armando Vidal	P	0 (+1 E)
Mark Wolin	P	0 (+2 E)

#### II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously

#### III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the CRA Advisory Committee meeting on January 3, 2011 were approved unanimously.

#### IV. Items for Review and/or Action

**Item 1 - Status update regarding the implementation of the recommendations from the Report of the Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel relative to Downtown North Miami. Please note that this agenda item will feature a presentation by representatives of Kimley-Horn and Associates relative to their proposal to provide Professional Planning**

## **Consultant Services for Modifying the North Miami CRA Redevelopment Plan and Preparing a Downtown Master Development Plan**

The CRA Executive Director reminded the committee that Kimley-Horn & Associates had been selected as the consultant for this project through the City of North Miami's established rotating pool of professional planning consultants. Then Ms. Tanya Wilson-Sejour, City Planner for the City of North Miami, briefly described the purpose of the project and introduced Ms. Poorna Bhattacharya from Kimley-Horn & Associates to give a presentation on the firm's work plan to achieve the project objectives.

Mr. Each asked to what extent members of the public will have an opportunity to give input into the study. In particular he wished to contribute his ideas of revamping NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street as a response to the possible extension of the Gratiigny Expressway.

The CRA Executive Director replied that implications and opportunities with regards to the Gratiigny Expressway Extension should certainly be considered and can be brought up during the charrette process.

Mr. Wolin asked if this project will be a 'working' plan or a 'conceptual' plan. He elaborated that the City/CRA already has many conceptual plans. But what the CRA lacks is a working plan with step by step instructions, a consideration of cost feasibility and a timeline for the completion of specific goals.

Ms. Bhattacharya replied that the goal is to create architectural and streetscape guidelines that can be incorporated into the land development code. But City Staff had requested that project implementation should also be a focus of the study. Therefore Kimley-Horn & Associates anticipates creating long-term, mid-term, and short-term strategies for implementation, but the plan will not include "construction ready documents".

Mr. Reynolds asked if the plan might be specific enough to include recommendations for specific parcels or blocks that could be acquired and used to build parking garages, etc. Ms. Bhattacharya replied that the plan would include potential optimum areas for the location of improvements such as parking garages but not detailed cost-benefit analysis of alternative locations.

Mr. Reynolds emphasized that the proposed expansion of the MOCA museum should be considered as part of the plan.

Mr. Each asked if any zoning changes will be proposed. Ms. Bhattacharya replied that this will not be a focus since there has just recently been a comprehensive city-wide rezoning, but if any specific rezoning opportunities are observed in the field they will be included as suggestions.

Mr. Wolin asked for examples of previous projects of a similar scope that Kimley-Horn & Associates have completed in other communities, and as a follow-up he asked what progress these communities have made in implementing their plan. Ms. Bhattacharya gave the example of Dania Beach, where the first redevelopment projects are now underway, including a new City Hall, library, and parking garage, and a mixed use development including a hotel.

Mr. Wolin requested copies of the plans that Kimley-Horn & Associates had prepared for Dania Beach and Homestead. Ms. Bhattacharya replied that she could email those plans to the CRA for distribution.

## **VII. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm**