

SUMMARY MINUTES

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

July 8, 2008

A regular meeting of the Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board was held in the North Miami Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, beginning at 5:32 p.m.

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

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Flag salute led by Board Member Blynn

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 24, 2008, approved by Board

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Executive Director introduced Elliot and Rosemarie Guerrier, first time homeowners, using the first time home purchase subsidy program, closing on a condominium earlier today. The Executive Director acknowledged Gibraltar Bank, also working with a Federal Home Loan Bank for additional funds and additional contributions from the Developer.

III. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND/OR ACTION

TAB 1 – STATUS UPDATE REGARDING THE PROPOSED SCOPE OF REHABILITATION FOR THE BEL HOUSE APARTMENTS EAST BUILDING

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the proposed scope of rehabilitation for the Bel House Apartments feasibility. Joe Garino, Urban Residential Development Group, Ltd; and Les Beilinson, Beilinson Gomez Architects, PA; gave a brief report to the Board. John Dellagloria, representing the owners, present. Board discussion.

TAB 2 – FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW CRA COMMERCIAL GRANT PROJECTS

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding funding recommendations for new CRA Commercial Grant Projects. The Executive Director acknowledged the work of Dan Lima, Economic Development Specialist; the Review Committee, members of the Advisory Committee; Jan Sitko and Gareth Mann. The Executive Director advised the CRA Advisory Committee was unanimously in favor of the proposed recommendations. Board Member Galvin moved to approve the recommendations for commercial grant projects as presented, seconded by Board Member Steril; passed unanimously.

TAB 3 – PROPOSAL FROM THE BUXTON COMPANY TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY ID RETAIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding a proposal received from the Buxton Company. The Executive Director explained the Buxton Company analyzes the area to match consumer profiles with potential retailers in order to recruit targeted retailers and restaurants for economic development. The Executive Director advised this item also appears on the City Council Agenda but locations to be analyzed are within the CRA boundaries and could be fully supported by the CRA. No public discussion. Board Member Despinosse moved to approve authorizing the Executive Director to move forward negotiating with the Buxton Company and

include in FY 08-09 budget, seconded by Board Member Galvin; passed unanimously.

TAB 4 – REVISEE DRAFT PROPOSED FY 2008-09 PRELIMINARY BUDGET WITH RECOMMENDED FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Executive Director provided revised preliminary estimates of revenues and projected expenditure allocations for projects, programs and activities as a follow-up to the City’s 2008-09 budget workshop including additional initiatives and adjustments targeted for funding by the CRA. The Executive Director advised the CRA Advisory Committee has reviewed the revised preliminary draft. Board discussion.

TAB 5 – CRA FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT AS OF MAY 31, 2008

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding the CRA’s financial activities, revenues and expenditures and reviewed budget to actual comparison chart as of May 31, 2008.

TAB 6 – RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NMCRA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Executive Director presented the Resolution approving final proposed amendments to the CRA Redevelopment Plan. No public discussion. Board Member Blynn moved the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Galvin; passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS

A. Board Members

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding Pioneer Gardens.

The Executive Director gave a brief report to the Board regarding Motel 7.

Board discussion regarding the news of the downtown Starbucks closing.

B. CRA Attorney

(NONE)

C. Executive Director

(NONE)

D. Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at North Miami City Council Chambers

Next Advisory Committee Meeting – Monday, August 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at North Miami City Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.