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SUMMARY MINUTES

**REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, October 6th, 2008

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 6:09 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 2007-08*
Blanca Cobo	6:13 pm	3
Inez Couch	A	2
Judy Feldman	P	2
Dr. Smith Joseph	A	10
Michael McDearmaid	P	0
Roseline Philippe	A	2
Clark Reynolds	P	2
David Rosemond	A	5
Duke Sorey	6:24 pm	7
Armando Vidal	A	4
Mark Wolin	P	1
* Absences from special or rescheduled meetings are not counted		

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Vidal, seconded by Ms. Philippe

To approve the minutes to CRAAC Regular Meeting on August 4th, 2008.

Approved 8-0

IV. Items for Review and/or Action

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Item 1 - FY 2008-09 Proposed Preliminary Budget

The CRA Executive Director gave a detailed explanation of the proposed budget. He then introduced Officer _____, and Officer Stewart, to brief the committee about the Police Athletic League's (PAL) request for funding from the CRA for the rental of a facility to provide educational and social activities for North Miami's youth. The CRA Board is considering allocating \$50,000 for the PAL Program, however in order to secure the rental of the facility that PAL needs, along with miscellaneous equipment, a figure of \$77,300 would be required.

Mr. McDearmaid spoke in praise of the program and stated that he had personally witnessed the Police Athletic League make a big difference to the lives of 'at risk' youth in North Miami. He said that in terms of "bang for the buck", this is a great way for the CRA to spend funds.

Ms. Couch described PAL as an outstanding program with known, tested positive results. She suggested that the CRA fund the full \$77,300 to PAL rather than just the \$50,000 being suggested by the CRA Board. As a source for the additional \$27,300, she recommended redirecting funding from the S.T.U.D.Y. Academic Internship Program to this program, which she did not believe to be a success.

Moved by Ms. Couch, seconded by Ms. Feldman

To recommend that the CRA fund the full required amount of \$77,300 in the FY 2008-2009 budget to the PAL Program

Approved 8-0

Moved by Ms. Couch, seconded by Ms. Feldman

To recommend that the CRA reallocate \$27,300 in the FY 2008-2008 budget from the S.T.U.D.Y. Academic Internship Program to the PAL Program, to ensure that the PAL Program gets the full amount of \$77,000.

Approved 7-1, with Mr. Reynolds against

Moved by Mr. Vidal, seconded by Ms. Philippe

To recommend approval of the budget as amended by the above recommendations

Approved 7-1, with Mr. Wolin against

Whilst not disapproving the motion to recommend the approval of the proposed budget, Ms. Feldman wished to voice her disapproval of the inclusion of funding existing staff positions at the City of North Miami. She stated that the only reason she voted in favor of the proposed budget was for her enthusiasm with regards to the inclusion of funding for the Police Athletic League.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

The CRA Executive Director reminded the committee about two upcoming events, firstly the Florida Redevelopment Association Conference will be held in Tampa from October 22nd to the 24th, and secondly the CRA will be having a table at the Greater North Miami Chamber of Commerce dinner at Miami Shores Country Club on September 25th. Committee members wishing to attend either event may contact the CRA to RSVP.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm