

**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD**  
**&**  
**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**September 25, 2007**

A special meeting of the Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board and Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee (CRAAC) was held at NANAY Community Center, 659 NE 125<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Workshop Room on Thursday, October 18, 2007, beginning at 6:23 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 Tony Crapp

**I. ROLL CALL**

- Present:     **CRA Board**  
                  Marie Erlande Steril  
                  Scott Galvin  
                  Chairman Kevin A. Burns  
                  Jacques Despinosse  
                  Michael R. Blynn
- Present:     **CRA Advisory Committee**  
                  Blanca Cobo  
                  Inez Couch  
                  Judy Feldman  
                  Dr. Smith Joseph  
                  Mike McDearmaid  
                  Clark Reynolds  
                  Armando Vidal  
                  Mark Wolin
- Absent:       Guy Laurenceau  
                  Jean Monestime  
                  William Valentine

## **II. OPEN DISCUSSION AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE CRA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Burns reviewed the purpose of the meeting was to discuss concerns, issues and improve communications between the Board and the Advisory Committee.

Chairman Burns thanked Advisory Committee Members for their on-going commitment, serving on the Committee.

Committee Member Feldman expressed concerns regarding the regular meeting time of the CRA Board before the Council meeting. Mrs. Feldman advised she felt more time should be given for discussion and decisions made on such important issues.

Chairman Burns advised grants should be considered for existing homeowners that may have fallen behind on payments as well as, helping first time homebuyers and homes located in Pioneer Gardens.

Chairman Burns encouraged members to attend the State of the City Address at this months featured Chamber Luncheon on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 and touched on additional ideas that he is proposing for the downtown area.

Committee Member Vidal appreciated the direction given by the Board.

Board Member Galvin advised affordable housing and redevelopment of commercial districts were at the top of his priority list along with the Olympic training facility and the Miami Way Theater.

Board Member Blynn advised downtown redevelopment is the reason why CRAs were created and he felt a prime function would be to regenerate the downtown area. Board Member Blynn discussed the new schools coming to North Miami.

Board Member Steril requested input from Advisory Committee Members to improve the relationship between Board and Committee members.

Committee Member Reynolds asked if Board Members would like Committee Members to advise on which direction the Committee Members feel the Board should go as a visionary.

Committee Member McDearmaid advised another reason for the workshop was to include Board and Committee Members in the creative process.

Board and Committee discussion regarding the Miami Way Theater.

The Board approved scheduling joint meetings quarterly.

Public discussion.

Committee Member Cobo suggested inviting all of the banks to come together to find out what can be offered.

Committee Member Couch requested recapping information on the Comprehensive Plan, the Parks Master Plan, and the Branding/Visioning Workshop at the next committee meeting from staff.

Committee Member Wolin advised the joint meeting is a step in the right direction but it is necessary to do more with all of the good ideas that are being proposed and would like the Board to consider going forward with the retreat.

Tony Crapp advised the bank summit is included in the action plan in process. Mr. Crapp will review suggestions, present ideas and report to the Board.

Board Member Galvin advised the Board would schedule a retreat in the New Year and schedule joint quarterly meetings.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at  
City Council Chambers

Next Advisory Committee Meeting – Monday, November 5, 2007 at 6:00  
p.m. at City Council Chambers