

MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY OF DANIA BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Duke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman:	Walter B. Duke III
Board Members:	Bobbie H. Grace Albert C. Jones
CRA Executive Director:	Jeremy Earle
City Attorney:	Thomas Ansbro
CRA Secretary:	Tom Schneider

Absent:

Vice-Chairman	Chickie Brandimarte
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Board Member Jones motioned to excuse Vice-Chairman Brandimarte; seconded by Board Member Grace. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments at this meeting.

3. Administrative Reports

Director Earle reported the County officially approved the grant for the Mile Marker Project, and the developer is moving forward.

Director Earle noted the developer of the Dania Place project would like to hold their ground breaking during July 1-6, 2014.

Board Members Jones and Grace commented they would not be available during this period. Director Earle said he would speak with the developer to schedule a time convenient for the Board.

4. Presentations

4.1 All Aboard Florida

Jose Gonzalez, Senior Vice-President of Florida East Coast Industries, parent company of All Aboard Florida, gave a presentation on the proposed passenger rail service connecting Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Orlando, and noted it is different than Tri-Rail's commuter service.

Board Member Grace commented the hard sell will be quality of life and quiet zones issues in Dania Beach. She questioned if the rail service to Orlando would be faster than driving a car, and whether Broward County would get its share of tourist dollars from vacationers using this service.

Board Member Jones questioned the role this service plays in Tri-Rail's future development of local stops.

Addendum

4.2 Proposed Dania Live Marketplace Development

Director Earle introduced Robert Shapiro, President of Master Development and Terry Salzman, Salzman Real Estate Advisors, developers of the Dania Live Marketplace.

Mr. Shapiro gave a presentation on the proposed project. He noted financing has been secured and they have filed for rezoning of the two parcels that were not previously zoned commercial within the Regional Activity Center.

Board Member Jones commented the development is impressive, and suggested some type of kid zone should be provided in the development.

Board Member Grace spoke favorably of the development, and suggested job fairs should be held in Dania Beach during the construction phase and after the project is up and running.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes:

Approve minutes of May 7, 2014 CRA Board Meeting

Approve minutes of May 27, 2014 Workshop – Arts & Seafood Committee

5.2 Travel Requests:

Request of Dan Murphy, Economic Development Director, to attend the Florida Economic Development Council Conference in Tampa, Florida, on June 8-10, 2014 (Estimated cost \$1,319.25)

5.3 Cancel August 6, 2014 CRA Board Meeting

- 5.4 Approval to submit an application for the USDA Local Food Promotion Program Grant with a match of up to \$10,000.00

Board Member Grace motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Board Member Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposals and Bids

There were no proposals on this agenda.

7. Discussion and Possible Action

7.1 Downtown Façade Painting Program

Director Earle requested this item be deferred since it was requested by Vice-Chairman Brandimarte.

Board Member Jones motioned to defer Item 7.1; seconded by Board Member Grace.

Commissioner Grace commented that the owners or renters should be the first ones to clean up their property because they receive the revenues from it. She does not see taking taxpayers' money to fix up anything and felt this is something we need to think about.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. Board Member Comments

There were no Board member comments.

Director Earle spoke of a project involving a major national headquarters that is seeking to potentially move to Dania Beach. He noted the Commission had approved a QTI Incentive several years ago; the City's portion for this project would be \$9,100.00 per year and it would initially create 17 high paying jobs. He said the national headquarters wants to know if Dania Beach is interested in partnering with the State and County on this project.

Board Member Jones said he is very interested, but needs to know the extent of the City's commitment.

Board Member Grace commented it is a good idea.

Chairman Duke said he is supportive.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Duke adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Louise Stilson

LOUISE STILSON, CMC
CRA SECRETARY

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WALTER B. DUKE III
CHAIRMAN – CRA

Approved: September 3, 2014

