

MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY OF DANIA BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Present:

Chairman:	Marco A. Salvino, Sr.
Vice-Chairman:	Bobbie H. Grace
Board Members:	Chickie Brandimarte Walter B. Duke, III
Interim CRA Executive Director:	Rachel Bach
City Attorney:	Thomas Ansbro
CRA Secretary:	Louise Stilson

Absent:

Board Member:	Albert C. Jones
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Vice-Chairman Grace motioned to excuse the absence of Board Member Jones; seconded by Board Member Duke. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no comments at this meeting.

3. Administrative Reports

3.1 Dania Beach Proposed Healthy Community Zone Map

Interim Director Bach noted application for the Healthy Community Zone designation was made and we will find out in July if we have been short-listed for the program. Sun Garden Isles and College Gardens were included in the area we are focusing on due to the potential improvements at Chester Byrd Park, as well as the PATCH and associated organizations, which are important to implementation of the program.

Vice-Chairman Grace questioned whether the CRA has money for solar lighting, and BSO signage indicating that drugs are not allowed in Chester Byrd Park. Also, she asked if a BSO camera can be installed at the park.

3.2 CRA Updates

Rachel Bach, Interim CRA Executive Director, reviewed the memo that was included in the agenda packet.

4. Presentations

4.1 Dania Beach PATCH Update

Dion Taylor, Principal, ENO Consulting, reviewed the second quarter update presentation that was included in the agenda packet. He confirmed the Summer Meal Program is separate from the summer feeding programs at the Dania Beach parks, and that the PATCH is not yet certified organic.

5. Consent Agenda

Items Added to Consent Agenda: #5.7

Items Removed from Consent Agenda: #5.6

- 5.1 Minutes:
Approve Minutes of April 29, 2015 CRA Board Meeting
- 5.2 Travel Requests: None
- 5.3 Cancel the July 1, 2015 CRA Board Meeting
- 5.4 Approve Request for Façade and Exterior Grant Program for Collins Market, located at 6 SW 5th Avenue
- 5.5 Approve the CRA Redevelopment Plan Update and transmit to the City Commission

Addendum

- 5.7 Authorize payment of MetroStrategies, Inc. invoice #3362 for March 2015 and invoice #3371 for April 2015, in the amounts of \$12,813.25 and \$1,521.50 respectively

Vice-Chairman Grace motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, with the addition of Item #5.7, and with the exception of Item #5.6; seconded by Board Member Duke. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5.6 Approve the CRA Executive Director job description and direct staff to proceed with the job search

Board Member Duke noted the CRA is funded from the City budget, not TIF funding. He reviewed all the functions performed by the CRA, and said the City performs a lot of the same functions. He would like to see alternatives: 1) find another executive director, 2) outsourcing, and 3) folding the CRA function into the City (no CRA Director, but the other employees would work for other departments). He said he wants the City and CRA to bring forward proposals for each of the three scenarios in order to have information to vet and to make an informed decision.

Board Member Duke motioned to explore the three options, through RMA and the City Manager, and bring it back for discussion; seconded by Board Member Brandimarte.

Chairman Salvino suggested a workshop to discuss and understand all the options, and questioned whether we would be overworking the City Manager by going with a cheaper alternative.

Board Member Duke withdrew his motion and proposed a substitute motion to table this agenda item until a workshop can be held to discuss all the options, information for which will be put together by City staff and RMA; seconded by Chairman Salvino.

Board Member Brandimarte felt that the CRA should be folded into the City.

Board Member Grace favored a workshop, but is not on board with disbanding the CRA entirely. She added if that is the consensus at the workshop, we will find out then and see what happens.

Interim Director Bach agreed with the workshop, but suggested the Board go ahead and advertise the position because with having a longer time period, they may attract more candidates. She noted that we still have the opportunity to encourage redevelopment to increase the tax base and reinvest into the City even though this is a TIFless CRA.

Vice-Chairman Grace felt there was not a consensus tonight to advertise and we should move forward with the workshop first.

Board Member Duke added getting the City redeveloped is everybody's goal and mission, not exclusively the CRA's, and most of the new development has been outside of the CRA. He emphasized there is no rush to advertise for an executive director before knowing the outcome of the workshop.

Board Member Brandimarte commented the problem has been that the City and CRA are separate, they are not a team. The City Manager should be a part of the CRA, and there has been a lack of communication. She felt the City must fold in with the CRA in order to avoid conflict.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposals and Bids

There were no proposals on this agenda.

7. Discussion and Possible Action

Vice-Chairman Grace commented we need to be sure to get the covers installed for the two bus benches on NW 1st. Also, entry signs for each section of the City have not been purchased or installed.

8. Board Member Comments

Board Member Duke clarified that he does not want to ban the CRA and the employees; he just wants to do the same functions more efficiently.

9. Adjournment

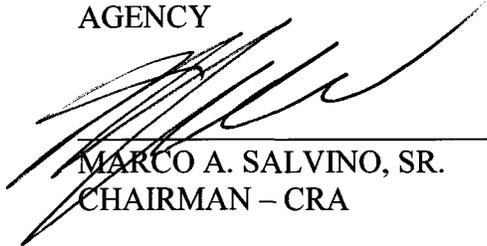
Chairman Salvino adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



LOUISE STILSON, CMC
CRA SECRETARY

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MARCO A. SALVINO, SR.
CHAIRMAN - CRA

Approved: August 5, 2015

