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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

2:30 PM

**Broward Center for the Performing Arts - Abdo New River Room -
201 SW 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

***FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS***

DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Chair

STEVEN GLASSMAN - Vice Chair

JOHN C. HERBST - Commissioner - District I

PAM BEASLEY-PITTMAN - Commissioner - District III

BEN SORENSEN - Commissioner - District IV

SUSAN GRANT, Acting Executive Director

DAVID R. SOLOMAN, Secretary

D'WAYNE M. SPENCE, Interim General Counsel

PATRICK REILLY, City Auditor

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trantalis called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Vice Chair Steven Glassman, Commissioner Pam Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, Commissioner John C. Herbst, and Chair Dean J. Trantalis

BOARD QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Acting Executive Director Susan Grant, Secretary David R. Soloman, Interim General Counsel D'Wayne M. Spence, and City Auditor Patrick Reilly

MOTIONS

M-1 [25-0045](#) Motion Approving Minutes for December 17, 2024, Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting Minutes - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes and was seconded by Vice Chair Glassman.

APPROVED

Yea: 5 - Vice Chair Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Chair Trantalis

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [25-0007](#) Resolution Amending the Property and Business Investment Program Agreement and the Quality of Life Grant with Broward College to Extend the Time Period which Broward College Can Complete Improvements at Broward College in the L.A. Lee YMCA Community Center and Provide Scholarships to Residents of the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area - (Commission District 3)

Vice Chair Glassman remarked on concerns regarding the lack of scholarships awarded to Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) residents. In response to Vice Chair Glassman's questions, Clarence Woods, CRA Manager, explained expenditures to date include \$50,000 for the build-out of the Broward College space at the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center. Mr. Woods said that no scholarships

had been awarded, commented on scholarship distribution efforts, and confirmed that there would be continued outreach ensure scholarships reach NWPFH CRA residents.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman remarked on her office's efforts to promote the scholarship program, explained related information, and commented on initial resident feedback.

In response to Vice Chair Glassman's question regarding extending the scholarship program and what would occur should scholarship funds not be utilized, Mr. Woods said he anticipates improved participation by the NWPFH CRA community. Mr. Woods commented on the Commission's desire to extend the NWPFH CRA beyond the November 2025 sunset date.

Chair Trantalis recognized Anthea Pennant Wallace, 1401 Sistrunk Boulevard, on behalf of Broward College. Ms. Wallace clarified efforts towards building the scholarship program, commented on past challenges, and discussed efforts to ensure the scholarships are awarded.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Chair Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Chair Trantalis

R-2 [25-0008](#)

Resolution Providing a \$1,000,000 Increase in Development Incentive Program Forgivable Loan Funds for the Aldridge and the Laramore Mixed-Use Affordable Housing Developments, Located at 1204 Sistrunk Boulevard and 1619 Sistrunk Boulevard; Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Any and All Related Instruments; and Delegating Authority to the Executive Director to Take Certain Actions - (Commission District 3)

In response to Chair Trantalis' question, Mr. Woods confirmed that funding would occur as construction progresses. Chair Trantalis remarked on his perspective and ensuring project success.

Chair Trantalis recognized Spencer Lasday, 500 N. Andrews Avenue. Mr. Lasday remarked on the ability to leverage NWPFH CRA funds in Opportunity Zones. Chair Trantalis discussed the genesis of the NWPFH CRA and funding sources. Further comment and discussion ensued. Vice Chair Glassman commented on previous funding for these projects

and explained the cost increases associated with this Agenda.

Mr. Woods confirmed the projects are in an Opportunity Zone and explained related information and details. Further comment and discussion ensued.

In response to Chair Trantalis' question, Andrew Schein, Esq., Lochrie and Chakas, P.A., on behalf of the applicant, explained the total cost of the two (2) projects is \$38,000,000. Chair Trantalis noted that NWPFH CRA funding for these projects is approximately ten percent (10%) of the total cost.

In response to Commissioner Beasley-Pittman's question, Mr. Woods confirmed that Invest Fort Lauderdale, Inc., is a co-developer in these projects and will receive twenty percent (20%) of project revenue.

In response to Commissioner Herbst's question, Mr. Woods clarified that the funding is a forgivable loan that will not be paid back.

In response to Commissioner Sorensen's question, Mr. Spencer confirmed his interest in serving on a City Advisory Board or Committee.

Commissioner Beasley-Pittman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Yea: 5 - Vice Chair Glassman, Commissioner Beasley-Pittman, Commissioner Sorensen, Commissioner Herbst and Chair Trantalis

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:

David R. Soloman
Secretary