



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST-PROGRESSO-FLAGLER HEIGHTS
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MARCH 12, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Cumulative Attendance	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Rhoda Glasco Foderingham, Chair	P	5	1
Dylan Lagi, Vice Chair [arrived 3:18]	P	6	0
Jinny Bissainthe	A	2	3
Sonya Burrows	P	5	1
Kenneth Calhoun	P	6	0
Lisa Crawford	A	5	1
Noel Edwards	P	6	0
Michael Lewin	P	5	1
Steffen Lue	A	3	3
Christopher Murphy	P	4	2
Alfredo Olvera	P	5	1
John Quailey	P	6	0

Currently there are 12 appointed members on the Board, which means seven (7) would constitute a quorum.

Staff

- Clarence Woods, III, NPF CRA Manager
- Lizeth DeTorres, Sr. Administrative Assistant
- Eleni Ward Jankovic, Housing and Economic Development Manager
- Vanessa Martin, Business Manager
- Jamie Opperlee, Prototype Inc. Recording Secretary

Communication to the CRA Board of Commissioners

Motion made by Mr. Lewin, seconded by Mr. Edwards to request a joint meeting with the CRA Board to discuss the extension of the CRA and any other appropriate items. In a roll call vote, motion passed 9-0.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Foderingham

Chair Foderingham called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and roll was called. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

NPF CRA Board

- February 13, 2024 Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the Board’s February 13, 2024 minutes. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

III. Project Funding Update

Vanessa Martin

Ms. Martin distributed an update and there were no questions.

IV. Funding Request – Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County 832 NW 2nd. Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 \$307,663.00 from the Development Incentive Program

CRA Staff

Staff recommends funding not to exceed \$307,663.00 from the CRA Development Incentive Program for the construction and build out of the teen center at the Nan Knox Boys and Girls Club of Broward County.

Ms. Ward Jankovic stated the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County (BGCBC) had requested \$307,663.00 from the Development Incentive Program to complete a new Teen Center being built on the lot adjacent to their existing building. The Teen Center would be 7,200 square feet and would include specialty rooms such as a recording studio, technology lab and a culinary arts kitchen. It would provide a safe place for teens ages 13-18 and the teens would be able to take advantage of various programs that would give them advantages over other high school graduates, such as achieving a certificate in safe food handling, refereeing, OSHA 10, UPS Road Code Safe Driving, customer service and other programs being added on a rotating schedule. Ms. Ward Jankovic said the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County served over 12,500 youths between the ages of 6 - 18 each year and the Nan Knox Club currently served 1,054 members from the 33311 zip code and approximately 500 youths were from the NPF CRA area.

Ms. Ward Jankovic stated the CRA request was for approximately 19% of the total project costs and they anticipated completing the project in a few months.

Chris Gentile, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club Broward County, said this space would be dedicated to teens aged 13 to 18, with programming geared toward them. This would give kids a safe place to go and offer programs that would improve their futures. He pointed out that 98% of their high school seniors graduated on time. They offered college and vocational scholarships.

Mr. Murphy asked about enrollment and Mr. Gentile said there were already approximately 100 registered 16–18-year-olds in the club and they had their own room. They would publish the teen center at the high schools to increase enrollment. Mr. Gentile said the club would be open from 2 PM until 8 PM on school days and from 8:30 AM until 5:30 PM on non-school days and during the summer.

Motion made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Burrows to approve the Boys and Girls Club funding request. In a roll call vote, motion passed 8-0.

V. Communication to CRA Board of Commissioners

Chair Foderingham asked if the Board wished to hold a joint meeting with the CRA Board. All Board members were in favor and wished specifically to discuss the extension of the CRA.

Mr. Lagi arrived at 3:18.

Motion made by Mr. Lewin, seconded by Mr. Edwards to request a joint meeting with the CRA Board to discuss the extension of the CRA and any other appropriate items. In a roll call vote, motion passed 9-0.

VI. Old/New Business

Chair Foderingham

Mr. Woods said Dr. Tameka Hobbs, the new Executive Director of the African American Research Library and Cultural Center had spoken with Mr. Woods about working together. He said the Library held a book fair every year and this year was their 50th and they planned to add a humanities fair to include the arts and community initiatives. They wanted to include the Sistrunk revitalization and Mr. Woods had agreed to host an “opportunity tour” of what was being accomplished with developers and families and encourage more redevelopment. On Thursday, the tour would start at 10 AM at the Midtown Commerce center, with a bus provided by Broward County. After the tour, there would be a panel discussion, followed by lunch, catered by T Cooks with Flave. A tour would be offered on Friday as well.

Chair Foderingham advised Board members to respond to the invitation email.

VII. Public Comments

None

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The next regular NPF-CRA meeting will be held **Tuesday – April 9, 2024.**

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.