

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

2:30 PM

**OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
City Commission Conference Room**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

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

***JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER - Chair
BRUCE G. ROBERTS - Vice Chair
DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Commissioner - District II
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III
ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV***

***LEE R. FELDMAN, Executive Director
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, Secretary
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, General Counsel***

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Romney Rogers, Vice Chair Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis, and Chair John P. "Jack" Seiler

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Executive Director Lee R. Feldman, Secretary Jeffrey A. Modarelli, General Counsel Cynthia A. Everett, City Auditor John Herbst, and Sergeant at Arms Francisco Vetancourt

No e-comments were submitted for this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Seiler called the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS

In response to Chair Seiler's question about the lenders invited to participate at the CRA Financial Summit, Jonathan Brown, Area Manager for the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (NWPFH CRA), confirmed going forward Staff will include all banks located in the City on future invitation lists.

Chair Seiler noted the "Backyard Boogie" event was lightly attended. Mr. Brown said the event got busier from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., noting the date was chosen based on the Commission calendar. Discussions continued on the reasons this event was not well attended. Mr. Brown confirmed this was the final launch event for Sistrunk.

BR-1 [17-0767](#)

Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center Improvement Project Design Alternatives and Updated Cost Estimates

On June 6, 2017 the CRA Board deferred this item and requested more detail regarding anticipated costs for the project. Staff re-examined the estimated probable costs for the project and have revised CRA CIP Fund budget numbers.

Executive Director Feldman confirmed the review and crunching of numbers by Staff for the amounts budgeted for the Aquatic Complex Project. He stated the bulk of savings came from the dewatering numbers. Commissioner Trantalis noted the previous high cost of

fees, administrative costs and contingencies. Chair Seiler stated for the record that the inability to answer questions at the previous meeting was due to the absence of the consultant on the project because of a death in their immediate family. The person who stood in for the consultant was not fully informed and able to answer all of the Board's questions regarding costs.

Executive Director Feldman stated after further review and analysis, the revised amount to address the Aquatic Center needs is just over \$19,000,000, including additions.

Chair Seiler recognized Sherman Whitmore, 401 East Las Olas Boulevard, who spoke in opposition to this item. Mr. Whitmore discussed the lack of parking on the proposed plan. He reviewed his proposal that would include utilizing DC Alexander Park for parking. Mr. Sherman noted his requests to meet with Senior Staff on his proposal. Chair Seiler noted his opposition to Mr. Whitmore's proposal is due to his position that DC Alexander Park should not be developed, stating the community does not wish to have an existing park developed for a parking facility. Mr. Whitmore expounded on his proposed plans. Commissioner Trantalis noted Mr. Whitmore's lack of design plans and financial backing. He also discussed the need for the Commission to vote on a solid proposal. Mr. Whitmore explained his position and his dealings with the State of Florida working towards this goal. Commissioner Rogers concurred with Chair Seiler's consistent recommendation that DC Alexander Park remain open space. Discussions continued on the recommendation to have Mr. Whitmore submit a proposal as part of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and the Central Beach Alliance's support of Mr. Whitmore's concept.

Chair Seiler recognized Debbie Eisinger, designated representative of the Parks, Recreation and Beach Advisory Board, who spoke in support of this item. Ms. Eisinger recommended moving forward with Staff's recommendation for the Aquatic Complex.

Chair Seiler recognized Mike Leonard, 1200 Holiday Drive and designated representative of the YMCA of the United States (YMCA), who spoke in support of this item. Mr. Leonard stated now is the time to restore the Aquatic Complex. The YMCA is bringing back small events to the Aquatic Complex. As soon as the Aquatic Complex is complete, the YMCA will bring its large national championship events back to the Aquatic Complex. He noted the positive economic impact this will have on the local economy.

Commissioner Trantalis made a motion to approve BR-1 and was

seconded by Vice Chair Roberts.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Vice Chair Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis and Chair Seiler

MOTIONS

M-1 [17-0802](#)

Motion to Approve Minutes for May 16, 2017, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting

Commissioner McKinzie moved to approve this item and was seconded Vice Chair Roberts.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Vice Chair Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis and Chair Seiler

M-2 [17-0686](#)

Motion Authorizing the CRA Executive Director or His Designee to Sign City of Fort Lauderdale Development Review Committee Applications for Community Redevelopment Agency Property to Allow for Review of Projects Proposed by Developers on CRA Owned Property

In response to Commissioner Trantalis's question, Mr. Brown stated this would need to be addressed soon due to the number of properties purchased by the CRA from the City that will be used for infill housing. The CRA is selling the properties based on housing designs. Mr. Brown explained the background and intent of this strategy is to begin the Development Review Committee (DRC) application process. Further discussions continued on this item.

Commissioner Trantalis moved this item and was seconded by Vice Chair Roberts.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Vice Chair Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis and Chair Seiler

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Seiler adjourned the Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting at 4:39 p.m.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Chair

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
CRA Secretary