

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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***

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Chair
ROBERT L. McKINZIE - Vice Chair
HEATHER MORAITIS - Commissioner - District I
STEVEN GLASSMAN - Commissioner - District II
BEN SORENSEN - Commissioner - District IV***

***CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, Executive Director
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, Secretary
ALAIN E. BOILEAU, General Counsel***

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trantalis called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Chair Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Ben Sorensen, and Chair Dean J. Trantalis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Executive Director Chris Lagerbloom, Secretary Jeffrey A. Modarelli, General Counsel Alain E. Boileau, and Sergeant at Arms Richard Fortunato

BOARD REPORTS

BR-1 [19-1193](#)

Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update - (Commission District 2)

Chair Trantalis recognized Thomas Green, Senior CRA Project Manager.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding punch list items for the Las Olas Garage (Garage), Mr. Green reviewed the roof, facade lights and facade mesh area rust. The fifth (5th) level mini deck is open and ready for functions. The Parks and Recreation Department and Transportation and Mobility Department are addressing future programming. The non-working lights on the facade are under warranty and will be addressed. Rusted mesh areas of the facade will be addressed with Skanska's construction manager.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project and State Road A1A Beach Streetscape Improvement Project, Mr. Green explained details regarding the proposed pedestrian LED lighting system approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC). The main scope of the installation is pedestrian light poles on the western side of A1A from the southern edge of the Beach CRA to Sunrise Boulevard. He explained details of the dual LED light fixture system approved by the FWC. During *Sea Turtle Season*, the LED lighting will be amber. During non-nesting *Sea Turtle Season*, the lights would be switched to white LED lighting. This lighting would be also used at the park located at Las Olas Boulevard and State Road A1A and will be adjusted for *Sea Turtle Season*. Commissioner

Glassman thanked Mr. Green and his team for their efforts in the Beach CRA.

MOTIONS

- M-1** [19-1219](#) Motion to Approve Minutes for December 3, 2019 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)
- Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Chair McKinzie.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Chair McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Chair Trantalis

- M-2** [19-1181](#) Motion Approving Funding of Pilot Project for One Year for Home Repairs and Renovations for Eligible Properties in the Historic Dorsey Riverbend Community, in Partnership with Rebuilding Together Broward County, with a Budget of \$225,000 - (Commission District 3)

Vice Chair McKinzie made brief comments related to this item, noting businesses participating in the *Rebuilding Together Broward County Partnership (Partnership)*. Commissioner Sorensen commented on positive aspects of the *Partnership*.

Clarence Woods, Area Manager Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights (NWPFH) Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), noted a correction to the amount associated with this item, confirming the correct amount is \$255,000.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Chair McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Chair Trantalis

- M-3** [19-1182](#) Motion Approving the Creation of an Economic Development Corporation - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

In response to Commissioner Moraitis' question regarding who would govern the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) following the 2025 sunset of the CRA, Mr. Woods commented on his understanding.

City Attorney Alain Boileau said that the Board of Directors of the non-profit EDC would make decisions following the sunseting of the CRA.

Lynn Solomon, Assistant City Attorney, noted that a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), cannot be government controlled.

James Carras, Carras Community Investment, Inc., and CRA consultant, explained details regarding this topic, confirming CDFI corporations cannot be controlled by a government entity. The EDC would be set up as a separate corporation and could be staffed by the CRA. He expounded on the required criteria for CDFIs, per the United States Department of Treasury.

Commissioner Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Chair McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Chair Trantalis

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
CRA Secretary