

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**



City of Fort Lauderdale  
City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
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**Meeting Minutes – APPROVED**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

**3:30 PM**

**City Hall Commission Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Seiler called the meeting to Order at 4:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairman John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Vice-Chairman Robert L. McKinzie  
Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts  
Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis  
Commissioner Romney Rogers

**Also Present:** Lee R. Feldman, Executive Director  
John Herbst, City Auditor  
Jeffrey A. Modarelli, Secretary  
Cynthia A. Everett, General Counsel  
Alfred Battle, Deputy Director for Sustainable Development Department

No public comments were submitted by email for this meeting.

Chairman Seiler stepped out of the meeting until at 4:04 p.m. and returned at 4:15 p.m.

**CRA-1 15-0633** Minutes of February 17, 2015 Meeting

**Motion** made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to approve the item as recommended. AYES: Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Chair McKinzie, Vice-Chair

Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Chairman Seiler – not present. NAYS: None.

**APPROVED**

**CRA-2 15-0432**      Acceptance of Community Redevelopment Agency Annual Report and Authorization to Transmit to Taxing Districts

Commissioner Rogers and Roberts requested more detail with regarding projections and tracking as well as measurements of the goals set out by the CRA. Executive Director Feldman and the City Auditor Herbst answered questions and addressed the issues raised by the Members regarding specific line items in the Report. Executive Director Feldman and the City Auditor Herbst agreed to provide more detailed information as to specific line items.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Trantalis and seconded by Commissioner Roberts to approve the item as recommended. AYES: Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Chair McKinzie, Vice-Chair Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Chairman Seiler – not present. NAYS: None.

**APPROVED**

**The Board recessed from 4:17 p.m. until 4:31 p.m.**

**CRA-3 15-0517**      Resolution Authorizing Broward Redevelopment Program Grant Application for Street Enhancement on NE 5 Terrace from NE 13 Street to Sunrise Boulevard

Commissioner Trantalis asked Executive Director Feldman the about the genesis of this project. Executive Director Feldman explained this is a Grant Program Broward County has created to enable CRA to address funding for eligible projects in defined redevelopment areas with demonstrated blighting conditions, higher unemployment rates, and lower property value growth than those of the municipality as a whole. Discussion ensued among the Members and the Executive Director as to why the viability of this location is an opportunity for economic development. Executive Director Feldman addressed the issues raised. Continued discussion ensued among meeting attendees.

Laura Croscenzo, Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association, expressed her opinion regarding this Grant and its importance relating to job creation and the need for sidewalk improvements in the area of NE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road, expressed his opposition and opinion on this matter.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Trantalis and seconded by Vice-Chair McKinzie to **defer the item**. AYES: Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Chair McKinzie, Vice-Chair Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Chairman Seiler. NAYS: None.

**DEFERRED**

**CRA-4 15-0533** Funding Assistance for Rechter Holdings, Inc.

**Removed from Agenda.**

**CRA-5 15-0569** Budget Amendment - Appropriation of \$1,238,068 to the Aquatic Center

Chairman Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

David Shula, 10805 Indian Trail, spoke in support of this item concurring with the decision to leave the existing Aquatic Center's floor the way it is. There was no one else wishing to speak.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to approve the item as recommended. AYES: Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Chair McKinzie, Vice-Chair Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Chairman Seiler. NAYS: None.

**APPROVED**

**CRA-6 15-0614** Wave Streetcar Feasibility Study along Sistrunk Boulevard

Chairman Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Chairman Seiler noted that Bernadette Norris-Weeks signed up to speak but had to leave. Chairman Seiler read a note she left stating the Wave Feasibility Study should go west of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue as because it was one of the reasons for the three-lane compromise. The CRA Board was not aware of this and most of the staff is unaware. Vice-Chairman McKinzie stated that the Wave Streetcar needs to go west, and discussion ensued on the topic. It was agreed a Wave Streetcar Feasibility Study be done going west of 7<sup>th</sup> for reasons.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner McKinzie to approve the item as recommended. AYES: Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Chair McKinzie, Vice-Chair Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Chairman Seiler. NAYS: None.

**APPROVED**

Chairman Seiler adjourned the meeting 5:12 p.m.



John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Chairman

ATTEST:



~~Jonda K. Joseph~~  
Secretary

JEFFREY MODARELLI