

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

2:30 PM

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COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

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

DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Chair

STEVEN GLASSMAN - Vice Chair

HEATHER MORAITIS - Commissioner - District I

ROBERT L. McKINZIE - Commissioner - District III

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 4:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Vice Chair Steven Glassman (participated telephonically),
Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie (participated telephonically),
Commissioner Ben Sorensen (participated telephonically) and
Chair Dean J. Trantalis

Excused 1 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Executive Director Chris Lagerbloom, Secretary Jeffrey
A. Modarelli, General Counsel Alain E. Boileau, and City Auditor John
Herbst (participated telephonically)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Trantalis announced details regarding the virtual format of this
meeting, including how members of the public can view and participate.

MOTIONS

M-1 [20-0697](#)

Motion to Approve Minutes for August 18, 2020 Community
Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting - (Commission
Districts 2 and 3)

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

APPROVED

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner
Sorensen and Chair Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Moraitis

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [20-0645](#)

Resolution Approving a \$640,000 Development Incentive Program
Loan as a Local Government Area of Opportunity Funding to Mount
Hermon Housing, LTD. for Mount Hermon Apartments, Contingent
Upon the Award of 9% Tax Credits from the Florida Housing Finance
Corporation, Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Any and
All Instruments Related to the Loan and Delegating Authority to the
Executive Director to take Certain Actions - (Commission District 3)

Commissioner McKinzie commented that this Agenda Item is located in District 2. Vice Chair Glassman confirmed.

In response to Commissioner McKinzie's question regarding the tax credit amount, Clarence Woods, Area Manager Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency, confirmed the tax credit amount. Further comment and discussion ensued.

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Chair Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Moraitis

R-2 [20-0643](#)

Resolution Approving Final Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Operating Budget and Community Investment Plan Allocations for Fiscal Year 2021 - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Commissioner McKinzie introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Glassman, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Sorensen and Chair Trantalis

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Moraitis

August 18, 2020 Agenda Item 20-0544

Executive Director Lagerbloom commented on the previous deferred August 18, 2020 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Agenda Item 20-0544, Motion Approving a Forgivable Loan in the Amount of \$290,000 to Junny Investment Group, LLC for Donna's Caribbean Restaurant located at 2012 NW 6th Street. Meetings are ongoing with the neighborhood regarding traffic concerns. The item is expected to be on a future CRA Meeting Agenda.

In response to Chair Trantalis' request, Mr. Woods provided an update. Ben Rogers, Department of Transportation and Mobility (TAM) Department Director, and TAM Staff have developed a proposed solution to be presented to the neighborhood. There are plans to review the proposed solution with the applicant, Fidel Goldson, to confirm the

proposed solution is workable before presentation to the neighborhood.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on discussions with Dr. Pamela Beasley-Pittman. There is an agreement among the *Historic Dorsey-Riverbend Civic Association*, the community and the developer. He explained the option to install an arm gate and remove a right-turn only sign would not be viable solutions, expounding on details. Commissioner McKinzie noted a third option, speed bumps that the developer had agreed to fund, and discussed related details. Chair Trantalis remarked this item would come back before the CRA Board at a future meeting.

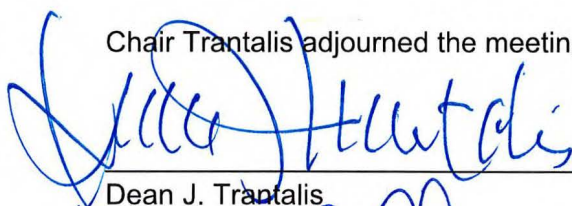
COVID-Related CRA Business Assistant Grants

In response to Vice Chair Glassman's request, Mr. Woods provided a status update on this program. CRA Staff is contacting preliminarily approved applicants to request additional information. One hundred and three (103) applicants, out of two hundred thirteen (213), were preliminary approved. He confirmed outreach to all Central City CRA businesses. Mr. Woods explained additional details regarding the process and disbursement of funds to fifteen (15) approved business applicants who have submitted necessary, verified documentation.

Vice Chair Glassman commented on the slow process. Mr. Woods reiterated his comments on the process. Vice Chair Glassman implored Mr. Woods to speed up the process, expounding on his perspective. Mr. Woods inquired about modifying criteria and grant funding in the Central City CRA. Vice Chair Glassman confirmed his support of those items, inquiring if it needs to come back for approval and possible review by City Attorney Boileau.


ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.



Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:



Jeffrey A. Modarelli
CRA Secretary