

City of Fort Lauderdale



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

2:30 PM

City Hall - City Commission Chambers

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100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

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COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

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

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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 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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

MOTIONS

M-1 [21-0065](#) Motion Approving Minutes for December 2, 2020 and December 15, 2020 Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meetings - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

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

APPROVED

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

M-2 [21-0078](#) Motion Approving Change Order No. 3 Authorizing Additional Design Services for Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project - EDSA, Inc. - Amount Not-to-Exceed \$47,500 - (Commission District 2)

In response to Vice Chair Glassman's questions, Executive Director Lagerbloom noted plans for the top level of the *Las Olas Garage* (*Garage*) would include sunshade sail structures.

Thomas Green, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Senior Project Manager, confirmed and explained related details. CRA Staff is involved in conversations with EDSA to determine whether the *Garage* Tencel canvas sunshade structures (Sunshade Structures) would be fixed or removable. Cost is a consideration. The *Garage* Sunshade Structures will not impact views or height and will be similar to those at *Oceanside Park*.

CRA Staff is considering a fixed material storage area below the landscape planter area on the north side of the *Garage* top level or an alternative material storage area below the *Las Olas Boulevard Bridge*.

Vice Chair Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis.

APPROVED

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

M-3 [21-0102](#)

Motion Approving Funding Increase of \$15,000 to Creative Lawn Maintenance LLC, Agreement for Lawn and Property Maintenance - (Commission Districts 2 and 3)

Vice Chair Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

APPROVED

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

M-4 [21-0133](#)

Motion Approving a \$50,000 Commercial Façade Program Loan and a \$225,000 Property and Business Improvement Program Loan to Knallhart Holdings II, LLC for the Abbey Located at 441 NE 3 Avenue; and Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Any and All Related Instruments and Delegating Authority to the Executive Director to Take Certain Actions - (Commission District 2)

Chair Trantalis thanked Itay Avital for his efforts. Vice Chair Glassman concurred and thanked Vanessa and David Cardaci for their work with older structures and mid-century modern structures. He expounded on his perspective and the Cardaci's work towards preserving historical structures in the City.

Vice Chair Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

APPROVED

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-1 [21-0046](#)

Resolution Approving a Funding Increase for the CRA Residential

Façade and Landscaping Program for the Home Beautiful Park and Durrs Communities - \$300,000 - (Commission District 3)

In response to Chair Trantalis' question, Clarence Woods, Area Manager Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency (NWPFH CRA), confirmed this item represents grant funding for improvements to residential properties in the *Home Beautiful Park and Durrs Communities* (Program). Any homeowner in these communities can apply.

In response to Vice Chair Glassman's questions, Mr. Woods confirmed a list of Program funding recipients would be provided to the Board. Thirty-seven (37) grants totaling \$216,325 were awarded to property owners in 2020. Nine (9) grants totaling \$53,245 were awarded to property owners in 2021. Program grant funding is making a significant difference in these residential neighborhoods. Mr. Woods expounded on Program details, expansion to other communities and addressing in-fill lots.

Vice Chair Glassman commented on changes to Program implementation guidelines. In response to Vice Chair Glassman's questions, Mr. Woods explained guideline changes have facilitated an improved process, giving homeowners more flexibility when obtaining the three (3) required bids and allowing the participation of additional small businesses. CRA Staff's administration of the Program and review of all bids is working well. Monitoring upkeep and maintenance of improved properties will be facilitated through CRA relationships with the homeowner's associations.

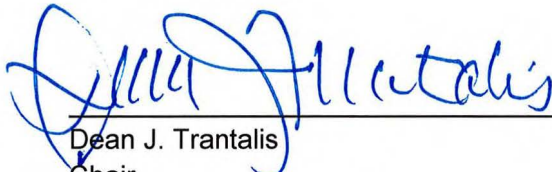
Vice Chair Glassman introduced this Resolution which was read by title only.

ADOPTED

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.



Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:



Jeffrey A. Modarelli
Secretary