

**DRAFT
MINUTES
NORTHWEST PROGRESSO – FLAGLER HEIGHTS
REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 16, 2015 – 3:30 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance
May 2015 - April 2016**

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Steve Lucas, Chair	P	8	0
Ella Phillips, Vice Chair	P	8	0
Jessie Adderley	A	6	2
Leann Barber	P	7	0
Sonya Burrows (arr. 3:40)	P	8	0
Ron Centamore	P	7	1
Alan Gabriel	P	5	2
Mickey Hinton	A	3	4
John Hooper	P	7	2
Dylan Lagi (arr. 3:50)	P	7	1
Steffen Leu	P	1	0
Dev Motwani	P	3	0
Jacqueline Reed	P	4	1
Scott Strawbridge	P	8	0
John Wilkes	A	7	1

Currently there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

It was noted that a quorum was present at the meeting.

Staff

Jeremy Earle, Deputy Director, Department of Sustainable Development
Jonathan Brown, Northwest CRA Manager
Sandra Doughlin, DSD/ECR
Bob Wojcik, Planner III
Sharon Ragoonan, Code Compliance Manager
Mona Laventure, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

New Board member Steffen Leu introduced himself at this time. Mr. Leu works with the Dan Marino Foundation and was appointed by City Commissioner Dean Trantalis.

II. Approval of Minutes from November 24, 2015 Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Gabriel, seconded by Mr. Strawbridge to approve [as amended].

Mr. Gabriel requested clarification of the funding amounts listed on p.3 under Item III. Mr. Wojcik advised that \$1,093,709 will come from the CRA, while the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will provide \$1,334,313 for a total of approximately \$2.428 million.

Mr. Gabriel also noted a correction on p.8: the motion should state "the work Mosaic has done to date."

Vice Chair Phillips stated that the entirety of her comments on p.8 were not included in the November 24 minutes. She directed Staff to add more information from her discussion.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

III. Quantum at Flagler Village – Request for Streetscape Funding

Chair Lucas noted that this Item has been deferred to the Board's January 2016 meeting.

The following Items were taken out of order on the Agenda.

VI. CRA Redevelopment Plan Update

Mr. Earle observed that the Board members received copies of the updated CRA Redevelopment Plan via email. The document is virtually unchanged from the Plan the Board recommended for approval in October 2015, with only minor additions and clarifications of language.

Chair Lucas recalled that the Board had requested review of the document before it is presented to the CRA Board and the City Commission for final approval, although this review resulted in a slight delay. If the Board makes a motion in support of the Plan, it will go before the CRA Board on January 20, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Gabriel, seconded by Ms. Barber, to approve.

Mr. Earle advised that the revised Plan was accompanied by a memo that listed some of the specific changes to the document. These changes include the ability for the CRA to identify a brownfield, address climate change issues, and add public improvements such as lighting, if the need arises and the Board wishes to undertake these projects.

The updated CRA Redevelopment Plan also addresses issues such as transportation and public safety and security initiatives, some of which are listed in the document. New and expanded quality-of-life programs and projects, such as marketing, events and activities, and public enhancements may also be included in the Plan.

Chair Lucas pointed out that the document is intended to ensure compliance, which means it may allow certain types of programs whether or not the Board ultimately decides to fund these programs. Mr. Earle clarified that the updated CRA Redevelopment Plan does not commit or refer to funding for specific programs, but includes catchall language that will allow the Board to fund these items in the future if they so desire.

Ms. Burrows stated that she believed Phase 1 of the update process was intended to address projects the Board has already approved. Mr. Gabriel reiterated that this phase includes language that allows the Board to consider other needs and options that may arise in the future, while Phase 2 of the process will allow the Board to address particular projects and items that they wish to undertake.

In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed 8-4 (Vice Chair Phillips, Ms. Burrows, Ms. Reed, and Mr. Strawbridge dissenting).

V. CRA Updates

Mr. Earle explained that the CRA Update memo provided to the Board is intended to update the Board on various CRA activities that have been underway in the past five to six months. Staff is seeking to create new programs that will stimulate redevelopment within the CRA area. He introduced Jonathan Brown, who will act as the new Northwest CRA Manager. Mr. Brown has served as the City's Housing and Community Development Manager in the past.

Mr. Earle continued that the City's Department of Sustainable Development has gone through significant transition in recent months. Former Northwest CRA Director Al Battle is now a Deputy Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, along with Mr. Earle. The City also has a new Economic Development Manager, Michael Chen, who was introduced at the November Board meeting. The Department has also instituted new internal financial controls for the CRA in addition to the update of the CRA Redevelopment Plan. Staff is working closely with organizations such as the Sistrunk