

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING



City of Fort Lauderdale
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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

City Commission Conference Room

Meeting was called to order at 4:48 p.m. by Chair Seiler.

ROLL CALL

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

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

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 regarding this meeting.

CRA-1 16-0327 Minutes for January 20, 2016 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting and February 2, 2016 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

Commissioner Trantalis moved to approve the noted minutes and was seconded by Vice-Chair McKinzie.

APPROVED

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Chair McKinzie and Chair Seiler

Ray Cox addressed the Commission on previous minutes expressing his ideas, questions, concerns.

CRA-2 16-0297 Proposed Amendments to the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) By-Laws

Ray Cox addressed the Commission on the CRA By-Laws expressing his ideas, questions, concerns.

City Attorney Everett addressed the Commissioners questions regarding the proposed amendments to the CRA By-Laws. Commissioner Trantalis raised the issue of the challenges the Northwest CRA faces. Commissioner Trantalis felt the City Manager should not be the CRA Executive Director due to his many other responsibilities as City Manager and lack of sufficient time. Commissioner Trantalis noted the Executive Director position is one of being a visionary, and the Area Manager's role should be as implementers of the vision. City Manager Feldman stated he is fine with whatever structure the Commission decides for the CRA noting the intent was to give the Area Managers much more authority as CRA Director for the area.

Chair Seiler left the meeting for a phone call with the United States Secretary of the Navy. Prior to departing he noted he was in favor of the proposed amendments to the CRA By-Laws.

Commissioner Rogers explained why he felt City Manager Feldman should remain as the Executive Director of the CRA. Vice-Chair McKinzie noted his views on this subject and would like City Manager Feldman to remain as Executive Director of the CRA. Discussions and comments ensued on this topic among the Commission.

Jonathan Brown, Northwest CRA Area Manager, addressed the Commission noting his prior experience in economic development, business growth, and business retention in Palm Beach County.

Chair Seiler returned to the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Charlie King addressed the Commission on this topic expressing his ideas, questions, concerns and recommendations including encouraging market rate housing in the Progresso area.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the noted minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

APPROVED

Aye: 4- Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Trantalis, Vice-Chair McKinzie and Chair Seiler

Nay: 1 – Commissioner Trantalis

There being no additional business before the CRA Board, Chair Seiler adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

John P. “Jack” Seiler
Chair

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
Secretary