

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING



City of Fort Lauderdale
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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

City Hall Commission Conference Room

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: John Herbst, City Auditor
Jeffrey A. Modarelli, Secretary
Cynthia A. Everett, General Counsel
Don Morris, Area Manager, Beach CRA
Jonathon Brown, Area Manager, NWPFH CRA

Not Present: Lee R. Feldman, Executive Director

No public comments were submitted by email regarding this meeting.

CRA-1 16-0593 Minutes for April 19, 2016, CRA Board Meeting

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of April 19, 2016, and was seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

APPROVED

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

CRA-2 16-0550 Friday Night Sound Waves Funding Request

Mayor Seiler recognized Don Morris, Manager Beach CRA. Mr. Morris addressed the Commission on this item noting it was continued from the April 19, 2016, CRA Board Meeting in order to allow the applicant to provide additional information regarding sponsorship and how the requested funding will be utilized. Mr. Morris stated the funding will pay for talent and miscellaneous expenses associated with the event.

The applicant has provided an amended application and is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Rogers gave his comments regarding the event and competing music venues in the area. The applicant, Ms. Arianne Glassman, rAv Communications, addressed Commissioner Rogers' comments stating they have repositioned their tent, and have worked out an arrangement with The Elbow Room regarding the music so they now coincide. Ms. Glassman answered additional questions from the Commission giving an overview of the event and its patrons.

Vice Chair Trantalis stated CRA funds were meant for remedying slum and blight conditions in the City. The City is attempting to move away from funding the party aspect and instead applying funds to improvements to the areas. He recommended a one-time funding for this event. Vice Mayor Trantalis stated going forward there is enough business activity in this area for those businesses to be funding this event as they have benefitted from all of the CRA dollars put into the area. Further comments and discussion ensued.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Vice-Chair Trantalis made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by McKinzie. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Chair Dean J. Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Romney Rogers, Commissioner, Bruce G. Roberts, and Chair Seiler. NAYS: None.

Chair Seiler closed the public hearing.

Vice Chair Trantalis motioned to approve the item for the amount requested with the proviso that this is a one-time funding request and was seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

WALK-ON CRA Compensation Structure and Benefits Plan.

Mayor Seiler stated he felt a Walk-On item involving compensation and benefits was not appropriate. Discussions ensued on the appropriateness of addressing this item as a Walk-On item. Mr. Jonathan Brown addressed the Commission on the background and reasons for it being a Walk-On item. Further discussions ensued.

City Attorney Cynthia Everett asked if these positions were City positions. City Attorney Everett stated that due to the renaming the Staff Accountant position to an Accounting Clerk position on the CRA Organizational Chart, an amendment should be made to the CRA Organizational Chart the CRA Board had previously approved.

It was confirmed that the rates of pay for a Staff Accountant and an Accounting Clerk mirror each other and the rates of pay are equivalent to City classifications. City Auditor Herbst stated the Accounting Clerk and the Staff Accountant should be two different levels of qualifications. Commissioner McKinzie requested Mr. Brown to include the current staff's names in the backup documentation for the next CRA Board Meeting paperwork relating to this item.

Mayor Seiler stated this reorganized CRA will be very closely watched by this Commission to ensure that things are getting accomplished properly.

Commissioner Roberts motioned to approve an amended CRA Compensation and Structure and Benefits Plan (the "Plan"). Commissioner Roberts' amendment included: amending the CRA Organizational Chart to reflect the change in title of Staff Accountant to Accounting Clerk; approving only the seven (7) positions listed below; and, to defer any approval of additional positions until the next CRA Board Meeting after the appropriate backup documentation regarding those positions is provided to the CRA Board for their review and consideration. Commissioner McKinzie seconded this motion.

Accounting Clerk	CRA 102 (equivalent in rates of pay to the City's Senior Accounting Clerk)
Administrative Aides (2)	CRA 103
Housing and Economic Development Assistant	CRA 105 (with Management Benefits)
Project Manager	CRA 107 (with Management Benefits)
Business Manager	CRA 108 (with Management Benefits)
Housing and Economic Development Manager	CRA 110 (with Management Benefits)

APPROVED AS AMENDED

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business before the CRA Board, Chairman Seiler adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Chair

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
Secretary