

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

2:30 PM

**OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
City Commission Conference Room**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

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

***JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER - Chair
BRUCE G. ROBERTS - Vice Chair
DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Commissioner - District II
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III
ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV***

***LEE R. FELDMAN, Executive Director
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, Secretary
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, General Counsel***

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Romney Rogers, Vice Chair Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis, and Chair John P. "Jack" Seiler

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Executive Director Lee R. Feldman, Secretary Jeffrey A. Modarelli, General Counsel Cynthia A. Everett, City Auditor John Herbst, and Sergeant at Arms Nicholas Coffin

No e-comments were submitted for this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Seiler called the Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting to order at 4:29 p.m.

MOTIONS

M-1 [17-1234](#) Motion to Approve September 6, 2017 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Trantalis made a motion to approve this item which was seconded by Vice Chair Roberts.

APPROVED

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

M-2 [17-0955](#) Motion to Approve a Services Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

Commissioner Trantalis made a motion to approve this item which was seconded by Vice Chair Roberts.

APPROVED

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

M-3 [17-0938](#) Motion to Approve an Award of a Property and Business Improvement Program Incentive in the Amount of \$225,000 to SolidSoccer, LLC and MAS Café, LLC for the MAS Café Project

located at 315 East Sistrunk Boulevard

Chair Seiler recognized Count Rosenthal, 1237 NW 4th Avenue, who spoke in support of this item, stating this would be an improvement for the area. The contractor is a well-respected firm who will conduct the project in an economic and professional manner.

Chair Seiler recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Drive, who commented on this project at 315 East Sistrunk Boulevard.

Commissioner Rogers commented that Flagler Village is no longer slum and blight. He recommended prioritizing areas on Sistrunk Boulevard west of the railroad tracks. Commissioner Trantalis commented the Commission still has a responsibility to fund street improvements such as sidewalks and lighting in the City. These needs still exist in Flagler Village. This needs to be addressed on a case by case basis, agreeing that the need is greater west of the railroad tracks. Vice Chair Roberts concurred that these items need to be considered on a case by case basis. Commissioner Trantalis commented on the large amount of CRA funding for the YMCA. He commented that there are so many issues to address in the Northwest in addition to slum and blight, including housing, sidewalks, Park improvements, and Police protection. Perhaps this large CRA expenditure could have been better utilized by spreading those funds throughout the Northwest on a case by case basis. Commissioner Rogers commented on the importance of a fast start and a strategic location to ensure the YMCA's success. Further comments and discussions ensued on this item's expenditure in Flagler Village. Commissioner Trantalis noted the financial commitment of this item's beneficiary.

Commissioner McKinzie commented on upcoming CRA projects and what will be needed to meet necessary thresholds on a case by case basis on both the east and west sides of the railroad tracks. Further comments and discussions ensued on this topic.

Commissioner McKinzie made a motion to approve this item which was seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

APPROVED

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

M-4 [17-1140](#)

Motion to Approve the Award of Community Redevelopment Agency Incentives to EastFortLauderdaleRentals.Com, LLC in the Amount of \$350,000 for StartUps.Club Workspaces located at 701 N. Andrews

Avenue

Mayor Seiler recognized Count Rosenthal, 1237 NW 4th Avenue, who spoke in support of this item. Mr. Rosenthal stated these funds are for a good program to facilitate young entrepreneurs into the City. He expounded on the need for CRA programs to address issues related to economic status.

Mayor Seiler recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Drive, who commented on this project and the ability for the applicant to move forward without the assistance of CRA funds.

Commissioner Trantalis commented that this is a profit making venture whose goal is to incubate local area entrepreneurs, noting this is the first one in the City. The applicant commented on this venture's uniqueness to Fort Lauderdale and his experience with other ventures. Discussions continued on CRA funding going toward capital improvements as opposed to product development, self-financing for other items and aspects of the culture in the area regarding startups. Further discussions ensued on the aspects of incubator development in other areas and the applicant's business plan.

Commissioner Trantalis made a motion to approve this item which was seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

APPROVED

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

M-5 [17-1187](#)

Motion to Approve a Revocable License with the Florida Department of Transportation for Access and Staging on Community Redevelopment Authority Property during the Construction of Sound Barrier Walls along I-95 between NW 4th Street and Sistrunk Boulevard

City Manager Feldman stated this item was approved at the last Commission Meeting. It is before the Community Redevelopment Agency Board due to it being CRA property.

Mayor Seiler commented on a similar type situation for a property along a barrier wall near Stranahan. City Manager Feldman confirmed his conversation with FDOT stating it is right-of-way and they are not willing to allow any structure. They wish to use it for future right of way.

Commissioner Trantalis made a motion to approve this item which was seconded by Vice Chair Roberts.

APPROVED

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Seiler adjourned the Community Redevelopment Agency Board
Meeting at 4:51 p.m.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Chair

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
CRA Secretary