Last year three different sizes of plywood signs were created that could be placed on available land. The design is there and staff has access to all the files.

## VI. Funding Request – CHDS LLC/1134 LLC - \$350,000 1134 Sistrunk Boulevard – Smitty's Wings on Sistrunk

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Mr. Wojcik advised this is a funding request for development of a family restaurant. The request is for \$350,000 including \$125,000 from the CRA Façade Program and \$225,000 from the CRA Property and Business Improvement Program, which is the maximum funding that can be requested for both programs. The property is owned by Desiree Giles Smith and Chris Smith, who are residents of the CRA. The building is 1,200 square feet and parking is exempt on Sistrunk Boulevard. The City eliminated parking in the front of the property when Sistrunk Boulevard was widened; therefore, the business relies on the public parking lot next door.

Mr. Smith indicated that parking was taken away on the front of the property; however, there will be outside seating on Sistrunk Boulevard. There will also be special events such as music on Sundays.

Mr. Gabriel mentioned that 12 tables are listed in the report and questioned if that included the tables outside. There was also a question as to how parking would work. Shade around the tables was suggested.

Mr. Spence advised that there will be a parking presentation later in the meeting.

Mr. Smith indicated they are working with the designers and two concepts are umbrellas or a type of shading. The problem is that permanent shading becomes an issue at night. Mr. Smith believes in second chances and plans and is committed to hiring neighborhood people who are hard to hire.

Ms. Glasco Foderingham questioned if the parking will be done in terms of parking on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and if the City would make a commitment to complete at least that parking lot.

Mr. Spence commented that from the CRA perspective, if there is enough pressure, funding will be provided to get this project done.

Ms. Alarcon stated that there will be on-street parking. As far as prioritizing the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking lot, the engineering and design plans are almost finished and are ready for permitting and bidding. The parking lot may not be done by summer; however, she will make a strong commitment that this will be made a priority to get it done as close to the Smith's opening date as possible.

Mr. Spence advised that the Smiths have been through the DRC process, staff has reviewed the project and has given a greenlight. It was noted that there is a slight risk of opening prior to the additional parking being available but the Smiths are confident with a lot of the amenities around the neighborhood that there will be a lot of foot traffic and individual needs of transit.

Motion by Ms. Glasco Foderingham, seconded by Mr. Cohen, to approve the funding request for CHDS LLC/1134 LLC - \$350,000. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Barber, Cohen, Gabriel, Glasco Foderingham, Hinton, Hooper, Lagi, Lue,

Strawbridge, Teague, Randolph, Centamore

Nays: None

VII. Funding Request – DALE'S PROPERTIES - \$350,000 300 West Sunrise Boulevard

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