City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

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

DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Chair
BEN SORENSEN - Vice Chair
HEATHER MORAITIS - Commissioner - District I
STEVEN GLASSMAN - Commissioner - District II
ROBERT L. McKINZIE - Commissioner - District III

LEE R. FELDMAN, Executive Director
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, Secretary
ALAIN E. BOILEAU, General Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trantalis called the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Commissioner Heather Moraitis, Commissioner Steven Glassman, Vice Chair Ben Sorensen, and Chair Dean J. Trantalis

Excused 1 - Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Executive Director Lee R. Feldman, Secretary Jeffrey A. Modarelli, General Counsel Alain E. Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst, and Sergeant at Arms Luan Malushi

BOARD REPORTS

BR-1 18-1342 Discussion on Unraveling the WAVE and Community Redevelopment Agency Reimbursement

Executive Director Feldman gave a historical overview of efforts to resolve financial aspects of the Wave Project (Project), including reimbursement of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Loan. He expounded on details, confirming the expectation of a refund for the unused portion of the funding. He confirmed the need for policy direction from the CRA Board regarding seeking reimbursement of CRA funding.

In response to Commissioner Glassman, City Auditor Herbst explained specifics regarding reimbursement of government entities and equitable treatment, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued on the topic of Tax Incremental Financing (TIF), reimbursing the CRA and budget constraints.

In response to Vice Chair Sorensen's question, Executive Director Feldman explained the $2,900,000 financial impact on the General Fund, expounding on related details. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

Chair Trantalis recognized Ron Centamore, former Chair of the NWPFH CRA Advisory Board. Mr. Centamore commented on his position, recommending reimbursement to the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights (NWPFH) CRA to foster further NWPFH CRA development.

Chair Trantalis recognized Pamela Beasley Pittman, Dorsey-Riverbend Civic Association. Ms. Pittman concurred with Mr. Centamore's position to reimburse the NWPFH CRA, explaining her perspective.

Executive Director Feldman explained details related to this NWPFH CRA expenditure. Further comment ensued.

In response to Vice Chair Sorensen's question about NWPFH CRA funding, Executive Director Feldman confirmed it is continuing to grow, stating it should not hamper NWPFH CRA efforts. City Auditor Herbst commented on addressing similar situations in the past.

In response to Chair Trantalis' inquiry regarding the CRA Board's interest in requesting reimbursement, there was none.

BR-2 18-1240 Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

Chair Trantalis recognized Don Morris, Economic and Beach Redevelopment Area Manager of the Beach Area Community Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Morris confirmed the Las Olas Boulevard Parking Garage (Garage) will have a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) and will open on December 20, 2019, stating that at that time the ocean side lot will close. The tram system is scheduled to open in conjunction with the park and would be the destination point of the tram. He expounded on related details, confirming the current plan for utilizing the tram could be revisited. Further comment and discussion ensued on implementing the tram and its continuous operation. Mr. Morris confirmed the arrival of the trams in the March-April 2019 timeframe.

Chair Trantalis raised the topic of the Las Olas Marina. Executive Director Feldman explained Staff is awaiting submission of a revised Site Plan from the marine operators. Further comment and discussion ensued on the timeline. General Counsel Alain Boileau said the lease was executed in April 2018.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the impact of recently planted trees on the north side of the Garage, Tom Green, CRA Senior Project Manager, confirmed plans to relocate these trees to an alternate location within the Beach CRA area. Further comment and discussion ensued on this topic.

MOTIONS

M-1 18-1301 Motion to Approve Minutes for November 6, 2018 Community

Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting and November 20, 2018 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting

Commissioner Glassman discussed corrections to the November 6, 2018 CRA Board Meeting Minutes. It was confirmed that the November 6, 2019 CRA Board Meeting Minutes would be updated to reflect Commissioner Glassman's comments.

Vice Chair Sorensen made a motion to approve this item as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Moraitis.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Moraitis, Commissioner Glassman, Vice Chair Sorensen and Chair Trantalis

Excused: 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

M-2 18-1172 Motion Approving Funding of Change Order No.2 for Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project - Skanska USA Building, Inc. - $1,517,486 and to Increase the Project GMP to $50,896,910

Executive Director Feldman said that this Motion's corresponding item on tonight's Commission Regular Meeting Agenda had been removed.

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board Meeting at 3:53 p.m.

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Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey A. Modarelli
CRA Secretary