

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOCA RATON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007
*1:30 P.M.

*The Regular Meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chairman Baronoff at approximately 2:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Peter R. Baronoff
Vice Chairman M.J. Mike Arts
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams
Commissioner Bill Hager (absent – excused)
Commissioner Susan Whelchel

Also attending the meeting were:

CRA Executive Director Jorge Camejo
Boca Raton Deputy City Manager George S. Brown
Boca Raton Deputy City Attorney Jeffrey Scheffel, Attorney to the Agency

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2007

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Arts, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote; Chairman Baronoff, Vice Chairman Arts, Commissioners Abrams and Whelchel voting yes.

REGULAR BUSINESS - PART I - QUASI-JUDICIAL & RELATED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no items for consideration.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

No one came forward to speak.

REGULAR BUSINESS - PART II – RESOLUTIONS AND REGULAR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no items for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There were no items for consideration.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Proposed Timeline for North/South Pedestrian Plaza

Executive Director Jorge Camejo referred to two items distributed to the CRA: 1) a memo from Ray Gindroz with Urban Design Associates, which provided an overview of the process and a schedule for the downtown pedestrian linkage open-space plaza, south of Mizner Park to Palmetto Park Road, and 2) the timeline for the proposed project. Mr. Camejo reviewed the memo and the timeline, providing details related to three phases of design, which are scheduled to begin in February 2007 with completion expected in August 2007. Mr. Camejo advised that Mr. Gindroz would schedule individual interviews with each Agency member, community groups, and other interested parties during Phase I.

Responding to members, Mr. Camejo indicated that Mr. Gindroz could give an overview of the project to the new downtown advisory board; he also advised that Mr. Crocker's proposal would fit into the process and that the charrette would be set up in similar fashion as the one conducted for North Federal Highway. It was noted that East Palmetto Park Road, east of the bridge, was not included in this endeavor.

In response to another query, the Deputy City Manager explained that the City was not ready to discuss appraisals publicly at this time. He also pointed out that the stakeholders in this project are Citywide because this is a City project; Agency members were being updated because this City project is located in the community redevelopment area. He added that staff clarified with Mr. Gindroz that there are stakeholders outside the downtown area that must be included in the process as well. Chairman Baronoff acknowledged that stakeholders outside the downtown area would be servicing the debt with their tax dollars.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The Deputy City Attorney had nothing to report at this time.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Chairman Baronoff reviewed the events for the upcoming Festival of the Arts Boca, advising that the festival begins this Friday; many details were provided.

Deputy Mayor Whelchel questioned whether the first meeting of the new downtown advisory board had been scheduled. Chairman Baronoff advised that it is scheduled for March 21, 2007, at 5:30pm. It will be held in the City Hall complex and it will be posted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Commissioner Abrams, seconded by Vice Chairman Arts, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote; Chairman Baronoff, Vice Chairman Arts, Commissioners Abrams and Whelchel voting yes.

The regular meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2007.

Peter R. Baronoff, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharma Carannante, City Clerk