



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023 – 3:30 PM
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

| Board Members | Present/Absent | Cumulative Attendance | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | | September 2022-August 2023 | |
| | | Present | Absent |
| Ray Thrower, Chair | P | 7 | 0 |
| Edward Catalano | P | 6 | 1 |
| Linda Fleischman | P | 5 | 0 |
| Justin Greenbaum | P | 6 | 1 |
| Jason Hoffman | P | 5 | 2 |
| Shane Jordan | A | 5 | 2 |
| Christina Robinson [arrived 3:45] | P | 5 | 2 |
| Scott Sheckman | A | 3 | 2 |

At this time, there are 8 appointed members to the Board; therefore, 5 constitute a quorum.

Staff:

Cija Omengabar, CRA Planner/Liaison
Clarence Woods, CRA Manager
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype Inc.

Others

Nikola Stan
Troy Liggett

Communication to the City Commission:

None

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Board members recited the pledge of allegiance.

II. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

Chair Thrower called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. Roll was called, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

III. Introduction of Board Members and Staff

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Regular Meeting: February 1, 2023

Chair Thrower requested changes to the minutes.

Motion by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Mr. Greenbaum to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting as amended. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

V. Rezoning Proposal of the NWQ Discussion

Mr. Woods said they were waiting for the Planning and Zoning Board to approve the rezoning. At the request of the Planning and Zoning Board, Ms. Omengebar had mailed flyers in Creole, English, and Spanish. He and Ms. Omengebar had distributed doorknockers on 300 doors in the northwest quadrant. There would also be another public meeting at 6 PM that day at City Hall. Mr. Woods said they would go back before the Planning and Zoning Board on March 15. He encouraged supporters to attend.

Mr. Catalano said the neighborhood civic association had distributed door knockers and attached the same letter Ms. Omengebar had circulated. They would continue the distribution in another neighborhood that weekend. Board members discussed getting supporters from the affected area to attend the Planning and Zoning Board meeting and voice their support. Chair Thrower thought the people who opposed the rezoning were renters who feared displacement.

VI. Program and Project Status Update

- NE 4th Avenue Streetscape Project

Ms. Omengebar said they were in the bidding process for the construction company.

- Non-residential Incentive Programs

Ms. Omengebar stated no one had submitted an application yet.

- Residential Façade and Landscape Program

Ms. Omengebar had submitted two applications to legal: 1200 and 1206 NW 4th Avenue. One of the applicants indicated a Haitian family lived in one of the homes and Ms. Omengebar wanted to take an interpreter to the property to explain the process to the family.

VII. Communication to City Commission

None

VIII. Old/New Business

- Miscellaneous

Ms. Robinson asked about the box wraps and Ms. Omengebar agreed to follow up and report back.

- Lighting Installation at Road Closures Project Update

Ms. Omengebar was awaiting a new price quote [the old one was only valid until September 2022.] Mr. Woods said the previous City Manager had signed off on the memo but they needed confirmation that Parks and Recreation would make the payment.

Mr. Woods reminded Board members that the CRA could no longer fund events but Ms. Omengebar said they could provide flyers at events.

- April Agenda Item Suggestions

Ms. Omengebar would report back about the box wraps. She said the rezoning would be on the agenda as well.

Troy Liggett said there was a two-block section of 12th Street in the Middle River area that had never been paved. This made the entire area difficult to develop. He asked the Board to discuss ways to fund the paving. Ms. Omengebar said Public Works had put this on a list of projects and she would ask if it would be done in 2023 or 2024. Mr. Woods agreed to visit the area.

Chair Thrower requested help to find a Board member to represent Lauderdale Manors.

- Meeting Reminders:
 1. NWQ Proposal Public Participation at 6PM, today - City Hall Chamber
 2. NWQ Proposal PZB Presentation March 15, 2023

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2023.

[Minutes written by J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.]