



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 – 3:30 PM
ADMINISTRATIVE FIRE STATION #11,
528 NW 2nd STREET,
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311

Board Members	Present/Absent	Cumulative Attendance September 2022-August 2023	
		Present	Absent
Ray Thrower, Chair	P	8	0
Edward Catalano	P	7	1
Linda Fleischman	P	6	0
Justin Greenbaum	P	7	1
Jason Hoffman	P	6	2
Shane Jordan	A	5	3
Christina Robinson, Vice Chair	P	6	2
Scott Sheckman	A	3	3

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

Staff:

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

Communication to the City Commission:

Motion made by Mr. Greenbaum, seconded by Mr. Catalano to inform the City Commission that the CCRAB supports the proposed rezoning of the NW quadrant as presented at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting on November 16, 2022, to rezone the area: Powerline Road/NW 9th Avenue to the west, NW 16th Street to the north, NW 7th Avenue to the east, and NW 13th Street to the south to RM-15. On a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

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 3:35 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: March 1, 2023

Motion by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

V. Program and Project Status Update

1. NE 4th Avenue Streetscape Project

- a. Budget Amendment \$20,000

Ms. Omengebar said the bids were \$20,000 over budget, so they were amending the budget at the May 2 City Commission meeting. At the May 16 meeting, Procurement and Transportation and Mobility would have an agenda item to approve the contract. She later reminded the Board that they had seen the designs in July and October 2021. In November 2021, they had sent the designs to FDOT for permits and in July 2022 they had put a solicitation together for procurement.

2. Façade and Landscape Program

- a. Delegating Authority to the CRA Executive Director

Ms. Omengebar said she still had only two applications. At the May 2 City Commission meeting, they would approve a resolution allowing the CRA Executive Director [the City Manager] to approve the applications as they came in.

Ms. Omengebar explained to Mr. Catalano that the façade program did not cover roofs, and the landscaping program only covered the front to the property.

3. Non-Residential Incentive Programs

Ms. Omengebar said there was still some funding left and if they did not allocate it, they would request the City roll it over into next year.

4. Rezoning Project

- a. Phase 1: NWQ Proposal May 2, 2023 City Commission Adoption Meeting

Ms. Omengebar noted a lot had happened at City Hall since the storm on April 12. This item was originally scheduled for the Commission's May 2 meeting, but it was being moved and she did not have a confirmed date yet.

- b. Phase 2: Under Review Mixed Use District Proposal

Ms. Omengebar stated this was still in the hands of the consultants. They were talking with legal about adding more money to the contract so they could finish the proposal.

Ms. Omengebar said this would be on a June City Commission agenda, but she did not know which one. Ms. Omengebar reminded the Board that they had made a recommendation for the RM-15 in October 2022.

Mr. Catalano pointed out that some people who had spoken at the public hearings and opposed the proposal did not live in the area.

5. Streetlights Installation Project

Ms. Omengebar stated they did not have the go-ahead yet for the City to absorb the electricity charges but since this happened all over the City, she did not feel it would be an issue. They were seeking a new price point because the original one was old.

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VII. Old/New Business

- May Regular CCRAB Meeting Discussion

Chair Thrower wished to postpone or cancel the May meeting. Ms. Omengebar noted they could call a meeting if needed.

Motion made by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Ms. Robinson to cancel the Board's May meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

- Miscellaneous

Board members discussed the future Board meeting location.

Ms. Robinson said the recent flooding damage was another opportunity to inform people about the grant program to help them repair their yards. Ms. Omengebar said she intended to redistribute brochures and flyers.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2023.

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