

**MEETING OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY HALL**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007– 2:33 P.M.

Chairman Naugle called the meeting to order at approximately 2:34 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Jim Naugle
Member Charlotte Rodstrom
Vice Chair Carlton Moore (arrived at 2:34 p.m.)
Member Cindi Hutchinson
Member Christine Teel

Absent: None

Also Present: George Gretsas, City Manager
John Herbst, City Auditor
Jonda K. Joseph, City Clerk
Harry A. Stewart, City Attorney
Alfred Battle, Director, Community Redevelopment Agency

Minutes of the September 18, 2007 - Regular Meeting

Motion made by Member Hutchinson and seconded by Member Teel to approve the minutes of the CRA meeting held on September 18, 2007. Roll call showed: Members Hutchinson, Teel and Rodstrom, and Chairman Naugle. NAYS: None.

NPF CRA Implementation Plan Presentation

Vice Chair Moore entered the meeting at approximately 2:34 p.m.

Al Battle, Community Redevelopment Director, said a consultant was hired and meetings held, and they want the Commission to provide guidance regarding some policy opportunities.

A slide presentation was given.

Chairman Naugle said when the City began closing streets along major thoroughfares, they made a commitment to the neighborhoods that they would discourage traffic going through their communities. He said this plan calls for the narrowing of 7th Avenue to one lane in each direction. There is also a similar proposal to narrow NE 4th Avenue to two lanes, and talk of narrowing Andrews Avenue at the north end of town to two lanes. With the narrowing of these streets, it would blow out the concept of keeping traffic from going through the neighborhoods.

Vice Chair Moore said this is where they are losing sight of governing the people. A vision was put together on how to connect 7th and 9th Avenues, and the way it is being presented they have doubled the increase of 7th and 9th because they turn into a two-lane roadway at Sunrise Boulevard. Connecting those streets would increase the volume of traffic into the community, rather than decreasing it. For it to be properly portrayed, the community is saying they will increase traffic through their boundaries. They are asking for it not to be made into another I-95 and there are different ways to move people. An option is mass transit. There have been four years of discussion regarding this matter.

Vice Chair Moore said this would provide a separation of residential uses from industrial uses, and they could build an enclosed industrial park from Sunrise Boulevard and Sistrunk, one-way in and one-way out, and remove the grid on the City streets. He hopes when dealing with the transportation issue that they review all these aspects.

Chairman Naugle said this will go back to the CRA Advisory Board and there has been discussion of the development of the 6th Street Sewage Plant, and notices have been received regarding pollution problems in the area. In the past they thought it would be a good residential area, but now they should possibly rethink that if contamination is evident.

Vice Chair Moore said they do not want to rush their judgment and options should be made available. The first judgment that they should not rush into is that the site is contaminated with materials placed there by the City. The State report states that it appears to be petroleum at the site, along with roofing material. Possibly they should consider removing the industrial uses in the area due to the report submitted.

Chairman Naugle said this would go to the Board for further discussion.

Wallace, Roberts and Todd (WRT) Second Amendment

Vice Chair Moore asked if these people are ready to implement their task so the street calming could be done and the project could move forward.

Mr. Battle said if they did not think the project would move forward the matter would not have been brought before the Board.

Motion made by Vice Chair Moore and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson to approve and authorize the proper CRA officials to execute a second amendment to a contract with Wallace, Roberts, and Todd, LLC for the additional roadway and streetscape re-design of NE 6th Street/Sistrunk Boulevard Project for a lump sum amount of \$440,910, subject to final County approval of the Road Transfer Agreement.

The City Auditor said that he has had various discussions with Mr. Battle regarding this matter because he was concerned about amending a contract with a vendor who has not shown outstanding performance. He was assured that building upon the existing work would expedite the process, rather than go out for a new bid.

Vice Chair Moore asked if they can get out of the contract if the work is not being done.

Mr. Battle confirmed.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Chair Moore, Members Hutchinson, Teel and Rodstrom, and Chairman Naugle. NAYS: None.

Approval of Development Assistance from the Midtown Development Assistance Program and the Sistrunk Façade Program For Angela Dawson, P.A.

Motion made by Vice Chair Moore and seconded by Member Hutchinson to approve a development assistance package totaling \$55,000 from the NPF CRA for a project with Angela Dawson, P.A. for the renovation of an existing building at 2221 Sistrunk Boulevard.

Roll call showed: Vice Chair Moore, Members Teel, Rodstrom and Hutchinson, and Chairman Naugle. NAYS: None.

Approval of the Purchase of 535 and 539 NW 22nd Avenue

Chairman Naugle said that this item has been deleted from the agenda.

Member Rodstrom said she has received many e-mails regarding this item, and asked if she could go ahead and state that the item has been deferred. Vice Chair Moore confirmed.

Discussion of Florida Supreme Court Case – Strand vs. Escambia County

Vice Chair Moore asked if there have been any changes regarding this matter.

Mr. Battle said there was some confusion whether this would impact existing bonds. It was clarified that existing bonds are not in jeopardy. He said they are following this closely with the lobbyist.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Jim Naugle
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonda K. Joseph
City Clerk