

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009 – 4:10 P.M.

Chairman Seiler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:10 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman John P. "Jack" Seiler
Member Charlotte E. Rodstrom
Member Bobby B. DuBose
Member Romney Rogers

Absent: Vice Chair Bruce G. Roberts

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 April 21, 2009 - Regular Meeting

Motion made by Member Rogers and seconded by Member Rodstrom to approve the minutes of the CRA meeting held on April 21, 2009. Board unanimously approved.

SR A1A Light Replacement – Turtle Complaint Project

The City Clerk advised that this matter was being removed from the agenda.

Community Development Block Grant Repayment Plan

Alfred Battle, Community Redevelopment Director, said that at the May 21, 2009 City Commission meeting, the approval of the repayment strategy was contingent upon the Commission meeting as the CRA Board and approving the funding strategy to repay the fine imposed by HUD and the Inspector General. The funds would be from projects already funded by the CRA, and such projects would be eligible for CDBG funding, including neighborhood infrastructure projects, commercial development, as well as in-fill housing. He proceeded to explain how the funds would be transferred.

In response to Commissioner DuBose's question regarding the use of the CRA funds, Mr. Battle said that the transfers would only occur when the projects were ready to receive funding.

Mayor Seiler said that he was glad they were moving forward and attempting to make the best out of an unfortunate situation. He wants staff to learn from the past, and complimented Mr. Brewton on how he addressed the Commission regarding the matter.

Motion made by Member DuBose and seconded by Member Rogers to authorize a strategy to use NPF CRA funds for the Community Development Block Grant Repayment Plan in an amount not to exceed \$2,506,378.53 based on the identification of CDBG eligible projects. Roll call showed: Members Rodstrom, DuBose, and Rogers, and Chairman Seiler. (Vice Chair Roberts was not present at this meeting.)

Transfer of Funds - \$253,330

Alfred Battle, Community Redevelopment Director, proceeded to explain how the funds would be transferred.

In response to Mayor Seiler's question as to why this requires CRA approval, Mr. Battle said they were advised by the City's Finance Department to follow this procedure.

In response to Member Rodstrom's question regarding the status of grants, Mr. Battle said there is an existing agreement with FDOT for a large portion of the money previously referenced by Member Rodstrom, and explained that the grant was only a portion of the money in connection with the stimulus program. Therefore, the document has to be amended.

Motion made by Member DuBose and seconded by Member Rogers to authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$253,330 from NPF CRA Blanket Project Account (Fund 106/P1015/Subj 6599) to project account (Fund 106/P10448/Subj6599). Roll call showed: Members Rodstrom, DuBose, and Rogers, and Chairman Seiler. (Vice Chair Roberts was not present at this meeting.)

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonda K. Joseph
City Clerk