

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009 – 4:13 P.M.

Chairman Seiler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:13 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman John P. "Jack" Seiler
Vice Chair Bruce G. Roberts
Member Charlotte E. Rodstrom
Member Bobby B. DuBose
Member Romney Rogers

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

1. SR A1A Light Replacement – Turtle Compliant Project Funding Recommendation

Don Morris, Beach CRA Director, stated that staff was asked to provide alternative schedules for the turtle light replacement project, and such schedule was being presented at today's meeting. FDOT's deadline is June, 2011. Staff's concern with alternative two was that the deadline would not be met if issues arise. Staff's recommends alternative one.

Chairman Seiler asked if they could afford to do the projects due to scheduling upcoming events.

In response to Chairman Seiler, Albert Carbon, Public Works Director, stated that going with alternative one provides the flexibility to have the design done, and preliminary work could be done between September, 2009 and January, 2010. The matter could then be brought back before the Commission, and dollars could be committed later on.

In response to Member Rodstrom, Mr. Carbon explained that work could begin after the Beach Festival in 2010, and work could be done through September. If they wait until next year, there would only be one opportunity.

In response to Member Rodstrom, Mr. Morris explained that the deadline for spending the funds is June, 2011. Mr. Carbon reiterated that \$3.5 million had to be spent and the project in the ground by June, 2011.

Chairman Seiler stated that the temporary fix appeared to be working. Mr. Carbon stated the poles need to be replaced, but the lights were working.

Member DuBose stated that alternative one provides more flexibility to work around scheduled events.

Vice Chair Roberts stated that the main concern appears to be the impact on scheduled events. He wanted assurance that there would be no interference with upcoming events, and no work would be left incomplete. Mr. Carbon stated that by doing the design now, it would provide maximum flexibility.

Chairman Seiler reiterated that timing would be crucial.

Member Rodstrom stated that at any stage of a project, there could be delays that would have an adverse affect on the great entities. She stated they are attempting to promote the economic viability of the City. She asked if that was represented to FDOT in order to get a six-month extension on their loan.

Member DuBose stated he was concerned because there is always something going on. There is the opportunity to move forward in a manner that provides the needed flexibility. He did not want the funds jeopardized.

In response to Member DuBose, Mr. Carbon explained there would not be a lot of impact on the beach itself during nesting season. Member DuBose stated that he preferred alternative one.

In response to Member Rogers, Diana Alarcon, Director of Parking and Fleet Services, stated they are working closely with this project, and all special events are being taken into consideration. Taking all this into consideration would help control the cost, and a construction plan and schedule would be brought back before the Commission.

Member Rogers and Vice Chair Roberts were in favor of alternative one. Vice Chair Roberts stated that he was also in favor of exploring an extension.

Mr. Carbon explained that if they have the design, but they come up with a construction schedule going past June, they could go to FDOT and request the extension.

Chairman Seiler stated that alternative one would be approved with the condition that it would not interfere with any events, and they go to FDOT for an extension.

Member Rodstrom clarified the source of the funding.

Art Seitz, resident, stated that the Super Bowl is going to occur and not much will be written about parking and construction occurring in the City. He stated that the work needs to be done. He further stated that the A1A greenway needs adequate space at the south parking lot.

In response to Chairman Seiler, Ms. Alarcon explained that there is a wandering sidewalk which goes inside the lot and along the beachway. The sidewalk will be wider than what exists.

Motion made by Member DuBose and seconded by Vice Chair Roberts to authorize the funding of a portion of the Task Order for design of the SR A1A Light Replacement Project and transfer replacement on State Road A1A by transferring \$119,377.95 from P11322.106, Fund 106, Subfund 10 Beach Improvements (Beach CRA) to P111498.106, Subfund 10 SR A1A (Central Beach Transit Improvements). Roll call showed: YEAS: Members DuBose and Rogers, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Rodstrom, and Chairman Seiler. NAYS: None.

Chairman Seiler reiterated that the motion was approved with the above-listed conditions.

2. Dorsey Riverbend Neighborhood Enhancement Project

Alfred Battle, Community Redevelopment Director, stated a motion was needed to authorize the funding of a contract for work at Dorsey Riverbend. He explained there was an item on tonight's agenda that would amend the contract, along with another item that would award the contract for the improvement project. He listed the improvements that were to be made in the area. He explained that the \$800,000 came from a grant to fund the project.

In response to Member Rodstrom, Mr. Battle explained this would monitor the implementation of the design.

Motion made by Member DuBose and seconded by Member Rodstrom to authorize funding a contract amendment with McMahon Transportation Engineering & Planning in the amount of \$25,365 from the Dorsey Riverbend Neighborhood Improvement Project Account P10435/106/6599 for Post-Design Services for the Dorsey Riverbend Neighborhood Improvement Project. Roll call showed: YEAS: Members DuBose and Rogers, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Rodstrom, and Chairman Seiler. NAYS: None.

3. Funding Request – Housing Authority of Fort Lauderdale

Alfred Battle, Community Redevelopment Director, stated the Housing Authority requested a forgivable loan commitment of \$250,000 for the local government contribution, which was contingent upon approval of tax credit applications to be submitted by the developer to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation in Tallahassee. He provided some history of the applications.

In response to Chairman Seiler, Mr. Battle explained that applications had been made for various sites. Mr. Battle reiterated that the request is for Northwest Gardens IV. He proceeded to explain the procedure followed.

Motion made by Member DuBose and seconded by Member Rogers to approve a forgivable loan of \$250,000 as a local government contribution and authorize the proper CRA/City Officials to negotiate a development agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Northwest Gardens IV project); contingent upon approval of an application for tax credits, for the development of a Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project in the NPF CRA from the NW/Progresso/Flagler Heights CRA Blanket Projects account (Fund 106/P10015.106/Sub6599). Roll call showed: YEAS: Members DuBose and Rogers, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Rodstrom, and Chairman Seiler. NAYS: None.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonda K. Joseph
City Clerk