

**MEETING OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
NORTHWEST-PROGRESSO FLAGLER HEIGHTS AND
BEACH AREAS
1st FLOOR CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2010 – 2:30 P.M.**

Chairman Seiler called the meeting to order at approximately 8:11 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

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
(northwest)
Donald Morris, Director, Community Redevelopment Agency
(beach)

1. Authorization to enter into Agreement – Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority – provide \$338,844 and transfer appropriate funds in support of streetscape improvements at Dixie Court Apartment Complex – 324 West Dixie Court

Alfred Battle, Northwest Community Redevelopment Agency Director, indicated when this was originally approved in 2008, the amount was a little less than \$350,000. For improvements primarily along 2 Street and a small portion of NW 11 Avenue, the CRA provided 100% funding in order for the improvements to be more consistent with the overall project theme. Therefore the percentage contribution has increased from 64% to about 71%. The streetscape improvements are consistent with others funded in the CRA. Funding is paid upon completion of the project.

Mr. Battle responded to Chairman Seiler's question as to the project status.

In response to Member Rogers, Mr. Battle indicated that the previous board conceptually approved the grant award and at this juncture the request is for authorization to disburse the funds. The usual protocol is to consider projects before they commence.

Chairman Seiler requested a chart of all of the projects and their status and impact, including grants, loans and forgivable loans. In response to his question, the City Attorney indicated this item should have come back to the board for authorization of funding above the \$300,000 approved by the previous board.

Motion made by Member Rodstrom and seconded by Member Rogers to authorize the proper CRA officials to enter into the noted agreement. Roll call showed: YEAS:

Member Rogers, Vice Chair Roberts and Members Rodstrom and DuBose and Chairman Seiler. NAYS: None.

3. Authorization to enter into Agreement – LIN, LLC – provide \$70,000 and transfer appropriate funds for renovation of an existing building at 405 NW 7 Avenue

Alfred Battle, Northwest Community Redevelopment Agency Director, advised this is for façade and development assistance similar to other projects. This project has not started yet, but the roof has been removed in preparation.

Member Rodstrom requested a copy of the agreement in this case and as a matter of routine. Mr. Battle agreed to do so, but noted the terms are contained in the agenda memorandum. In further response, Mr. Battle indicated part of the funding is a grant and \$50,000 is a forgivable loan. Typically funding is not disbursed until there is some degree of completeness to make sure there is equity in funding a project in terms of percentage of completion. In this case, some of the \$50,000 will be provided during the construction phase, at the 50% stage. The 50% completion of the project will be verified. None of the \$20,000 façade program funding will be provided upfront. There is nothing different in this item from the conceptual approval (on April 7). Member Rogers agreed the agreement and loan documentation should be provided. Mr. Battle indicated it is a standard agreement and terms. Kathy Eggleston, representing LIN LLC, indicated her partner, who had to leave, was provided a copy of the agreement.

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2. Authorization for funding - additional lighting to be provided by Brandano Displays, Inc. to coincide with Super Bowl Activities on the beach

Mayor Seiler had received a handwritten letter, dated January 6, 2010, from Ramola Motwani and Chuck Malkus, expressing support in this item. This letter was entered into the record.

Donald Morris, Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Director, reviewed CRA Memorandum 09-293, on this item.

Mr. Morris responded to Member Rodstrom's questions about coordinating with the NFL (National Football League). Member Rodstrom emphasized the need to know in advance from the NFL that this will not interfere with what they want to do. Chairman Seiler was concerned about a delay. He referred to the letter from Ms. Motwani and Mr. Malkus. He thought it has been coordinated. He suggested it be authorized subject to coordination with the NFL.

Motion made by Member DuBose and seconded by Vice Chair Roberts to approve the above noted appropriation, subject to coordination with the NFL. Roll call showed: YEAS: Member Rogers, Vice Chair Roberts and Members Rodstrom and DuBose and Chairman Seiler. NAYS: None.

3. Authorization to enter into Agreement – LIN, LLC – provide \$70,000 and transfer appropriate funds for renovation of an existing building at 405 NW 7 Avenue

In order to provide the documentation to the board, the City Manager requested it be deferred to the next CRA meeting. Mayor Seiler requested it be listed first on that agenda.

Motion to defer to the next CRA meeting. Roll call showed: YEAS: Member Rogers, Vice Chair Roberts and Members Rodstrom and DuBose and Chairman Seiler. NAYS: None.

2. Old Business/New Business

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

John P. "Jack" Seiler
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonda K. Joseph
City Clerk