

**LAKE WORTH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
LAKE WORTH CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008
5:00 P.M.**

I. ROLL CALL:

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on the above date in the Conference Room located at 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth, Florida.

Present were CRA Members Brendan Lynch, Matt Constantine, Wayne Marcinkoski & Shanon Materio.

Also present was CRA Director, Joan Oliva

Mark Rickards entered into the meeting at 5:05 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. March 11, 2008

Action: Mrs. Materio made a motion to approve the March 11, 2008 seconded by Mr. Marcinkoski.

Vote: All Ayes

IV. AGENDA – ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING:

Reordered- Action A- Accept resignation of Board Member- Matthew Tompkins to Consent Item B.
Addition- Nomination of Vice Chair Action Item B.

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Marcinkoski to accept the agenda as amended seconded by Mr. Lynch.

Vote: All Ayes

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3 minute limit):

Laurence McNamara- The CRA is in a position of transition I would like to recommend that you take a second look at 10th Avenue North. The redevelopment of 6th Avenue South has not done anything in the neighborhoods. Look into spending a million dollars on 10th Avenue North for trees and painting all of the houses on this street. Use the remaining \$5 or \$6 million to take away slum and blight in the neighborhoods off of 10th Avenue.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Robert P. Franke & Associates- Authorize Chair to terminate consultant services agreement
b. Accept resignation of Board Member- Matthew Tompkins

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Lynch to approve the consent agenda seconded by Mr. Marcinkoski.

Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay

VII. ACTION AGENDA:

a. Election of a New Chairperson

Staff requested that the Board hold nominations for the position of Board Chair. Once a Chair is nominated by a majority of the Board, Staff will forward the resulting nomination to the City Commission for approval and appointment.

Furthermore, Staff requested that the Board modify the By-Laws to the following:

2.1 Officers and Terms. The officers of the CRA shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair, of which the term of office shall be two (2) years. If a vacancy occurs, the individual fulfilling the prior Chair's term shall serve for the remainder of the prior members' term until August 1st of the current year. Nominations shall be held on or before August 1 unless otherwise approved by the CRA.

Mr. Constantine urged staff to speak with the Clerk's office to fill the two vacant CRA Board positions.

Action: Motion was made by Mrs. Materio to have Mark Rickards act as CRA Chair seconded by Mr. Marcinkoski.

Mr. Rickards stated that the CRA is in an uncertain spot with the City Commission but he is willing to act as Chair. Mr. Rickards suggested that we elect a Chair with a full Board.

Mr. Marcinkoski suggested that we table the item until there is a full Board. Mrs. Materio stated that we can still make the decision with the vacancies.

Mr. Constantine stated that his term is coming to an end and he would like to see some fresh faces on the Board.

Dee McNamara- What has offended the Commission apparently, is when we are in a time of economic crisis that the CRA just spends all kinds of money on vanity products.

Mr. Lynch called point of order public comment should be with respect to the agenda item discussed which was the nomination of a new CRA Chair.

Vote: All Ayes

b. Nomination of Vice Chair

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Marcinkoski to nominate Mr. Constantine as Vice Chair by Mr. Rickards.

Mr. Constantine declined the nomination but appreciated everyone's comments.

Action: Motion was made by Mrs. Materio to nominate Mr. Lynch as the Vice Chairperson of the CRA seconded by Mr. Rickards.

Dee McNamara- Mr. Lynch has not made any memorable contributions to the CRA. Mr. Lynch is one of the reasons why the CRA is being abolished.

Mary Lindsey- This nominee has shown exceptional diligence and hard work on this Board. I think he would make a great Vice Chair.

Mr. Marcinkoski asked when these terms will end.

Mr. Tolces stated that currently they are drafted that nominees have a two year term. The current terms would end August 2009, assuming they are appointed by City Commission.

Vote: All Ayes

c. By **Laws Clarification and Changes**

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Marcinkoski to approve the amended by-laws with the following change: *"Officers and Terms. The officers of the CRA shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair, of which the term of office shall be two (2) years. If a vacancy occurs, the individual fulfilling the prior Chair's term shall serve for the remainder of the term. Nominations shall be held on or before August 1."*seconded by Mrs. Materio.

Vote: All Ayes

d. **Appoint Board member to Technical Review Committee for 10th Avenue North Roadway design**

At the CRA Board meeting on November 13, 2007, the Board authorized its consultants, Burkhardt Construction, to complete 100% designs for the project. Those plans were recently received and a review is now needed.

Staff stated that the creation of a technical review committee would be the most expeditious and thorough way to work with Mr. Burkhardt and the rest of his design team so we can quickly move forward once the FEC agreement and corresponding Interlocal Agreements have been completed.

Staff requested that the CRA Board appoint at least one Board member to serve on the technical review committee. These meetings will be scheduled within the next few weeks and will take place during the day so CRA and City Staff can attend. Final plans and Committee comments will be brought to the Board for final approval.

Staff stated this Committee will consists of City Staff and will be reviewing all of the plans and making recommendations to the CRA Board for the 10th Avenue North Gateway Project.

Action: Motion was made by Mrs. Materio to appoint Mr. Marcinkoski to the Technical Review Committee for 10th Avenue North seconded by Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Marcinkoski accepted being apart of this committee stating that his schedule is flexible at this time. Mr. Marcinkoski recommended that a commissioner from that district be included in these meetings.

Mr. Tolces stated that this will be a meeting open to the public and will be noticed.

Mr. Lynch requested that Mrs. Materio amend her motion to include Mr. Rickards on the Technical Review Committee.

Action (Amended): Motion was made by Mrs. Materio to appoint Mr. Marcinkoski to the Technical Review Committee for 10th Avenue North with Mr. Rickards as the alternate committee member seconded by Mr. Lynch.

Laurence McNamara- City Commissioners are elected City wide. The commissioner of each district is responsible to the residents of that district espouse their desires. Commissioners should be consulted if projects are taking place within their district.

Dee McNamara- Stated that a CRA Board member stated that the City Commissioners should not be involved in projects within their districts. Is this true?

Phil Materio- Invite Neighborhood Association Presidents to get a representation of the public as well.

Mary Lindsey- 10th Avenue North is the dividing line between Sunset Ridge and Tropical Ridge.

Mr. Lynch stated for the record that he did not state that Commissioners should not have any involvement in projects within their district.

Vote: All Ayes

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT:

- a. Progress Report
- b. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Marcinkoski wanted clarification regarding the RLI for the sidewalks. Staff stated that Phase I was done under the same process. This has been issued to design and construct. Staff stated that we have included the appropriate City officials in conversations regarding the sidewalks.

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Mark Rickards- Flattered to be nominated. Will do his best as Chair if the City Commission accepts his nomination.

Brendan Lynch- Congratulated Mr. Rickards. Saddened to see that Mr. Tompkins resigned. Implores that the new Chair control the crowd.

Shanon Materio- Saddened by Mr. Tompkins early departure. Although, the City Commission stated that the CRA scheduled day meetings that Mr. Marcinkoski could not attend then forced us into a 5pm meeting is very contradictory. I am very lucky to serve on this Board. Very disappointed that there is not one commissioner here. I am very proud of the work we have done. Tough decisions are not always the most popular decisions.

Wayne Marcinkoski- Congratulated Chair and Vice Chair. Wants to look forward and not backwards. You can not change history. Mr. Constantine has done a great job and I hope that he reconsiders and stays on the Board.

Mr. Constantine- Thanked Matt Tompkins for all of his time and efforts on this Board. Congratulated Mark Rickards and Brendan Lynch.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Minutes Approved 5/8/08



Matt Constantine
Vice Chair, CRA Board



Emilia Theodossakos
Recording Secretary