

**LAKE WORTH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
LAKE WORTH CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

I. ROLL CALL:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on the above date in the Commission Chambers located at 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth, Florida.

Present were CRA Members Mark Rickards, Brendan Lynch, Wes Blackman, Wayne Marcinkoski, Edward Grimm & Shanon Materio.

Also present was CRA Director, Joan Oliva

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. June 10, 2008

Action: Mr. Marcinkoski made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Lynch.

Vote: All Ayes

IV. AGENDA – ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING:

Mr. Marcinkoski had the following additions:

Discussing possible items for budgeting such as bouncing some things around that I am interested in personally off the Board.

Discussing right of way abandonment issues; I would like to request that any abandonment issues be run by the CRA first if it falls within the CRA boundaries.

Chair suggested that we make the abandonment item an action item and we do not need to take action if it is not necessary.

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Marcinkoski to adopt the agenda with those two additions seconded by Mr. Blackman.

Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay

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

Mary Lindsay- Take this opportunity to thank the CRA for the recent approval of the community aid grant for the trash cans for the TRNA.

Donna Ross- I have some addresses of some horrendous properties in Tropical Ridge. Do we have a code inspector assigned to the CRA? We should do our own charette for property assembly. The TCRPC wants our mass transit agenda to move forward, Tri Rail is now burgeoning. Can we do a shuttle from Tri Rail through the downtown and the beach? Greg could do the commercial for our Lake Worth Shuttle.

Dee McNamara- I ask your support in a request put into me by development professionals please create a better building department. We are losing a great deal of money because of this.

Commissioner Jennings- Congratulated all of the new CRA Board members. This will be a very nice balance. I would like to commend Mark on facilitating the open house for 10th Avenue North.

Thank you for the police funds.

Chair stated that the CRA can only concentrate on projects within the CRA; we cannot implement any sort of changes within the building department. We do not have a code enforcement officer any more.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Police- Authorize money transfer for overtime police funding**
- b. Authorize Executive Director to amend current Interlocal Agreement with the Police**

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

Vote: All Ayes

VII. DISCUSSION AGENDA:

a. Budget Milestones

The joint budget workshop with the City Commission is July 17th.

Staff stated that the CRA needs to call a budget workshop meeting preferably the second week in July. The pricing for 10th Avenue North will be on the agenda for the meeting on the 22nd of July. Shanon Materio entered the meeting at 6:18pm.

Mr. Marcinkoski stated the following:

- Transit from tri rail to the beach and back
- GIS
- City is looking into building a park between 2nd and 3rd Avenue this is in the CRA district I would like the CRA to be involved in this or consider funding it.
- Memorial Park- improvements done there
- Utility lines crossing 6th Avenue South at A Street were never undergrounded during construction I spoke with an engineer in the Utility Department today and it did sound like they are willing to work with us to get that done.
- The pavers on Lake Avenue have big puddles, I'm sure the businesses would like to have this corrected.
- Museum at the Annex- concerned if there is a hurricane we will lose all of the documents there. Maybe the CRA can scan in the photos and archive all of the data
- Expanding the CRA districts.
- More grants for transit
- Quiet trains
- Graffiti removal paint purchase for the police department
- Gum removal machine
- Keep supporting the police
- CRA email the agendas to the public
- Better posting of the backup material
- Tree give away was great
- Push for more natural gas
- Support the Trojan House; make it look better
- Fix up parks and add more in the CRA district

Mr. Blackman stated that he knows the focus for budget. He is very comfortable with just jumping into the process. Mr. Grimm stated that being involved in the budget workshop will help understand the process and bring him right up to speed.

Mrs. Materio stated that she would like clarification from the Board attorney on who we can and

cannot speak to regarding CRA matters. Mr. Marcinkoski often states on the record that he speaks with the consultants and various city staff regarding CRA matters. Mrs. Materio would just like clarification because the bylaws state that a Board member must speak with the Executive Director first.

Mr. Lynch voted against placing this item on the agenda for discussion. In the near future the CRA Board will be spending a lot of time and energy on the budget. Bringing the new members up to speed is more suited for a one on one than an open discussion. Mr. Lynch stated that his priorities for the next budget are the following:

- Ongoing projects, move them forward
- Allocate bulk of our resources to Police and Code

Mr. Blackman stated he had the following priorities:

- Need for an east west transit link
- Think green
- Major problem in the Building Department; possibly find a liaison that works solely in the CRA district
- Focusing on the Downtown

Mr. Grimm stated that he sympathizes with the Building Department. His own experience with the new building official was very accessible and open minded. If we were to talk to him and get his point of view and listen to his side and get an even position on both view points.

Mr. Marcinkoski stated there are a lot of issues with the Building Department. A year or two ago we discussed that there are engineering firms that are out sourced that come in and do the plan reviews. Maybe we can fund some overtime just for CRA projects. I am all in favor of the transit going to the college.

Chair encouraged all of the Board Members to filter all of their priorities through Mrs. Oliva and continue to think about where we would like to allocate our funds for the next budget.

VIII. ACTION AGENDA:

a. Right of Way Abandonment (Tabled)

Mr. Marcinkoski stated that he was not sure of the details but at a City Commission Meeting there is an abandonment that is going to be coming up in the district near 5th or 6th Avenue and the railroad tracks but it looks like it got postponed. I don't know what the right of way is that they want abandoned but if it's in our district it is a good idea that it is run by us. Anything that goes through P&Z for site plan approval is supposed to come before the CRA Board if it is in our district. Chair stated that right of way abandonment is done by the City or by a property owner which is petitioned to the City Commission and passed by resolution. Mr. Marcinkoski would like these issues to come before the Board.

Action: Motion made by Mr. Lynch to table this item until legal counsel is available seconded by Mrs. Materio.

Staff stated she encourages the Board to discuss this item but not take action since there is no back up on this item. Mr. Lynch stated that we should table the entire discussion until legal is available.

Vote: 4 Ayes, 2 Nays

Mr. Lynch stated that the City Commission tabled this item as well.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a. Treasurer's Report

Included in the Board packets are the comments and minutes from the 10th Avenue North open house as well as a letter from the CDC for your review.

We are going to be scheduling a retreat for the Board to go over the by-laws and sunshine laws. We need to set up a budget workshop meeting the second week of July 9, 10 or 11.

X. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Brendan Lynch- Welcomed the new Board Members.

Shanon Materio- Congratulated Emily on her promotion and welcomed all the new Board Members. I went to the charrette on Saturday and I was disappointed that only two commissioners showed up. I learned so much and everyone that was there actually ended up in the same direction in the end.

Ed Grimm- Very excited to be on the Board. The charrette was a great time and this City can be great. I hope that this Board can discover projects that will live up to the spirit of what was talked about at the charrette.

Wayne Marcinkoski- Welcomed new Board Members. In the future we can take advantage of the other applicants that applied to be on this Board. Find some way to bring them in. The charrette is very impressive. I invite everyone to go by and check it out.


Wes Blackman- I thank the Commission for appointing me here. I hope to be of service we have tremendous opportunity here. I thank the fellow Board members for welcoming me. Two things: I prefer my packet digitally; secondly, we have two new businesses on Dixie Highway. The Shred Shed and The Bathroom House. Also Kilwinds is open.

Mark Rickards- Welcomed new Board Members. Encouraged everyone to attend the charrette.

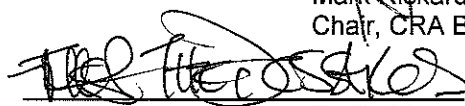
XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes Approved 7/8/08



Mark Rickards
Chair, CRA Board



Emilia Theodossakos
Recording Secretary