

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

NORTHWEST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, November 2, 2016

Ali Cultural Arts Center

6:00 p.m.

MOTION COVER SHEET OF MINUTES

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Whitney Rawls called the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Whitney Rawls – Chair

Jay Ghanem – Vice Chair

Jeanette Copeland

Patricia Davis

Bridget Jackson

Daisy Johnson

Shelton Pooler

Carl Forbes

Gail DeAngelis

ALSO PRESENT

Commissioner Ed Phillips

Commissioner Barry Moss

Nguyen Tran – NW CRA Director

Dahlia Baker – Program Director

Drew Tucker – Director, Ali Cultural Arts

Jahlisa Harvey – Facilities and Operations Coordinator

Sara Benichou – Director, BaCA

Cathy Trenkle – CRA Clerk

C. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / REORDERING

No reordering

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 5, 2015

MOTION made by Jay Ghanem to approve the September 14, 2015 NW CRA Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Daisy Johnson. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

E. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

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Commissioner Ed Phillips, 384 NW 19th St, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the definition of flex units and its importance to the city. He stated he did not want to do anything to endanger affordable housing. He encouraged the committee to voice their opinions. **Whitney Rawls** expressed his concern that the NW Committee wasn't approached before the workshop and encouraged everyone to contact their commissioner with their opinions and concerns.

Whitney Rawls stated he wants the NW agenda to coincide with what is on the CRA Board's agenda in order to provide advice to the Board. **Nguyen Tran** will get with staff about that and about possibly getting a CRA 101 class for the Committee.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ethics and Sunshine Law

Cathy Trenkle handed out information on the Sunshine Law and Ethics and stated she will provide information on the City Clerk's next training and make it available to the Committee. **Whitney Rawls** gave an example of a violation the Sunshine Law/Ethics Rules: a meeting or event (that was not publically noticed) where two or more members present discussed CRA Business without the entire body being present.

Whitney Rawls introduced and welcomed **Bridget Jackson** to the Committee.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. CRA Bond Update

Nguyen Tran reported there is nothing new on this issue. **Whitney Rawls** mentioned there will need to be a backup plan if the County wins the law suit. **Whitney Rawls** asked staff to get this together to bring to the Board.

H. DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT

I. KEY PROJECTS

Downtown Pompano Streetscape Improvements

Nguyen Tran reported this contract has been awarded for streetscape improvements along the education corridor. Weekly Asphalt will be the contractor and Calvin Giordano will perform engineering Inspection Services. Ms. Baker will monitor and record the local jobs this project will provide.

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Whitney Rawls inquired about the parking lot on Second Street and **Nguyen Tran** said it is under construction.

Bailey Cultural Arts

Sara Benichou briefed the Committee on the following:

- Lyrics Lab
- Paint N Sip
- Volunteers
- Interns
- Children's Activities at BaCA
- Partnerships
- Internet Education
- Policies and Procedures

Ali Cultural Arts

Drew Tucker reported on the following items:

- Lessons Learned from the Sound Check, Event held October 15, 2015
- 3 Day Grand Opening Event, on November 5, 6 and 7th
- Blanche Eli partnership
- Space Rental
- Ali's Mission
- Rock Road
- Alternative Shelter
- Young Children's Programs

Jeanette Copeland and **Patricia Davis** inquired if the Black History/Culture Education Program by Rock Road is on the scheduled programs. **Mr. Tucker** assured them Ms. Armbrister will be spearheading the project and it is still an important part of the Ali Cultural Arts Center. **Ms. Davis** suggested **Ms. Benichou** and **Mr. Tucker** collaborate with the School Board of Broward County to work with multiple schools where the Northwest children are bused.

BLVD Art Lofts

Nguyen Tran reported the developer has submitted application for Tax Credit funding and was recommended by FHFC staff for funding approval for December 11, 2015.

731 MLK Blvd.

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Nguyen Tran reported the marketing department is working with the merchants on a coupon campaign and individual signs for the businesses. **Whitney Rawls** asked what the signs would cost and **Mr. Tran** will report back on that. **Mr. Tran** reported BoJo's is open and doing well thus far.

737 MLK Blvd.

Nguyen Tran reported the interior demolition permit is being prepared after which new windows, doors, electric panel, roof and air conditioning will be installed. Once this work is completed, CRA Staff will seek a tenant for the space.

741 MLK Blvd.

Nguyen Tran reported there is a title issue that needs to be resolved before closing and there has been a contract amendment approved to extend closing date another 90 days.

Landmark Development

Nguyen Tran reported Landmark and P&Z are working to make site layout and building placement work with code requirements. Once the site plan is complete the permitting process will begin. The Committee asked for a presentation on what will be proposed. **Nguyen Tran** will coordinate a presentation by Landmark Development at upcoming NW CRA Advisory Committee meeting.

Hammondville/Gateway

Nothing to report.

790/800 MLK Road

Nguyen Tran reported the asbestos has been removed and estimates for demo are being collected.

Eta Nu Education Center

Nguyen Tran reported the first lift of block is installed and the facility is under construction.

Commerce Park

Nguyen Tran reported the contract for sale and purchase was approved by the CRA Board on 10/20/15.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Carl Forbes – no Report

Gail DeAngelis – no Report

Patricia Davis – requested a detailed Loan Report.

Daisy Johnson – requested the amount that was written on the loan program.

Bridget Jackson – proposed benchmarks on the next loan program.

Jay Ghanem – no report

Whitney Rawls – asked **Mr. Tucker** and **Ms. Benichou** to interview each of the NW Advisory members for input or contact information. **Mr. Rawls** also wants the NW Agenda to have the same items as the CRA Board.

K. NEXT MEETING – Monday, December 7, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:45 p.m.