

**POMPANO BEACH  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**NORTHWEST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 4, 2016  
E. Pat Larkins Civic Center  
6:00 p.m.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Whitney Rawls called the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Whitney Rawls – Chair  
Patricia Davis  
Bridget Jackson  
Daisy Johnson  
Shelton Pooler  
Carl Forbes  
Gail DeAngelis  
Jeanette Copeland

**ABSENT**

Jay Ghanem – Vice Chair

**ALSO PRESENT**

Barry Moss – Commissioner  
Nguyen Tran – NW CRA Director  
Drew Tucker – Ali Director  
Sarah Benichou – BaCA Director  
Cherolyn Davis – Ali Coordinator  
Grace Gdaniec – BaCA Coordinator  
Dahlia Baker – Program Director  
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Clerk

**C. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / REORDERING**

**Whitney Rawls** stated Key Projects will go first so that the Committee can reach a quorum.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. December 7, 2015

**MOTION made by Carl Forbes to approve the December 7, 2015 NW CRA Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Daisy Johnson. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.**

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## E. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

None

## F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Facility Schedules: Ali and the Bailey

**Nguyen Tran** explained this item went before the CRA Board last month along with other Policy Documents that were all approved; however the Board motioned to send the Fee Schedules to the NW CRA Advisory Committee to review and give their input.

**Drew Tucker** explained the current rental rates to the committee. **Daisy Johnson** asked for some examples of rental amounts for different size parties. **Ms. Copeland** asked how much is charged for renting the tables and chairs. Mr. Tucker noticed that was not on the information. It will be included. **Mr. Forbes** noticed on the schedule it states Friday and Saturday, the “and” should be an “or”. He suggested preparing a worksheet for people to review to come up with their costs. **Whitney Rawls** asked for a list of the comparisons that were researched in order to arrive at the prices that are being proposed. **Sarah Benichou** explained the difference between renting the facilities for social events and for educational events. **Mr. Rawls** stated that the citizens of Pompano Beach have already paid with their tax dollars and shouldn't have to pay these high prices to rent the space.

**MOTION** made by **Jeanette Copeland** to have staff lower the Ali Rental Fees and present to Committee. Seconded by **Carl Forbes**. On roll call, motion failed 5-3.

“Yes” –DeAngelis, Forbes and Copeland

“No” – Davis, Rawls, Pooler, Jackson, and Johnson

**Whitney Rawls** asked for the ratio of programming to rentals and Mr. Tucker answered 80% to 20%. Due to the time constraints of the NW CRA Advisory Meetings, it was suggested that a workshop be held to review the Fee Schedule for the Ali in detail. **Whitney Rawls** empowered a sub-committee to review the Ali Fee Schedule and edit the prices of the Pompano Residents/Pompano Non-Profits rate column. The members of the committee include **Shelton Pooler**, **Bridget Jackson** and **Patricia Davis**. The sub-committee will meet on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the Ali Cultural Arts Building. The committee decided the Bailey rates were fine as is.

**Drew Tucker** will provide the committee

## G. OLD BUSINESS

1. CRA Bond Update - None

**Whitney Rawls** asked again for a contingency plan if the County wins the lawsuit.

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## H. DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT

**Dahlia Baker** updated the committee on the Job Placement Program with the following:

- Hiring Events
- Workshops
- Community Outreach
- Upcoming Events
- Proposed Workforce Development

## I. KEY PROJECTS

1. Downtown Pompano Streetscape Improvements

**Nguyen Tran** reported there is nothing new on Streetscapes except that the construction activities for Education Corridor starts tomorrow.

2. Bailey Cultural Arts

**Sara Benichou** introduced **Grace Gdarien** as the new Coordinator for the Bailey and spoke about the following:

- Paint N Sip
- Lyrics Lab
- Art Bazzill
- Networking
- Website launch
- Filling the remaining artists' studios
- Natural Poetry Month

3. Ali Cultural Arts Center

**Drew Tucker** introduced **Cherolyn Davis** and spoke about the following:

- Open house this week
- Ashanti Programing
- Mighty Mass Choir
- Ghost Note
- Gospel Series
- Arts Camp
- Jazz Camp
- Music Camp
- AliArts.org

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**Jeanette Copeland** asked for information as well as flyers on the activities at the Ali. **Drew Tucker** will prepare a report and make sure some flyers are given out.

4. BLVD Art Lofts

**Nguyen Tran** reported the developer was awarded the tax credit and is moving forward with a pre-DRC meeting with the City for 1/12/16.

5. 731 MLK Blvd.

**Nguyen Tran** reported building signage is being worked on and Betty's Soul Food is closing. BoJo's may take Betty's space which will leave the take out space being available and several people are interested in that space.

6. 737 MLK Blvd.

**Nguyen Tran** reported there is interest in this property.

7. 741 MLK Blvd.

**Nguyen Tran** reported the property closing is this Friday, January 8th.

8. Landmark Development

**Nguyen Tran** reported there is nothing new, developer working on Site Plan to be submitted.

9. Hammondville Gateway

**Nguyen Tran** there is nothing to report.

10. 790/800 MLK Blvd.

**Nguyen Tran** reported the demolition is to begin today and is on schedule so far. Demolition will be completed on 1/15/16.

11. Eta Nu Education

**Nguyen Tran** stated the facility is under construction.

12. Downtown Development

**Nguyen Tran** reported the Commerce Park is now being called the Downtown Development. In reference to Belle Commerce II, the last large parcel will be closed on January 14, 2016. Negotiations are still underway on the 20 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave property.

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**Whitney Rawls** asked for someone to update the committee on the design of the Downtown Development and let the committee know what is coming down the pipe.

**J. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**K. NEXT MEETING – Monday, February 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

The next meeting will be held at the Ali Cultural Arts Building at 353 MLK Blvd.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:40 p.m.