

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
5:30 P.M.**

PRESENT

Mayor	Lamar Fisher
Vice-Chair	Charlotte Burrie
Commissioner	Rex Hardin
Commissioner	Barry Moss
Commissioner	Beverly Perkins
Commissioner	Michael Sobel

ALSO PRESENT

CRA Co-Executive Director	Kim Briesemeister
CRA Co-Executive Director	Chris Brown
CRA Attorney	Claudia McKenna
City Manager	Greg Harrison
Project Manager	Adriane Esteban
Project Manager	David Hasenauer
Project Manager	Jordan Pace
CIP Manager	Horacio Danovich
Program Director	Dahlia Baker
Director of Prog. & Facilities	Cherolyn Davis
City Attorney	Mark Berman
Assistant City Manager	Brian Donovan
CRA Clerk	Marsha Carmichael
CRA Clerk/Coordinator	Kimberly Vazquez
Deputy City Clerk	Kervin Alfred

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fisher called the meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 5:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 17, 2017 Minutes

MOTION made by Commissioner Hardin to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 CRA Board Meeting. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Burrie. Motion was approved unanimously.

December 12, 2017 Minutes

MOTION made by Commissioner Hardin to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 CRA Special Board Meeting. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Burrie. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Mayor Fisher announced Item 10 has been removed from the Regular Agenda and **Commissioner Perkins** requested Item 1 pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Claudia McKenna requested an item added under Reports announcing an Attorney Client Session regarding the litigation of the City of Pompano Beach/Pompano Beach CRA versus Broward County.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hardin to approve the Agenda as amended. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Burrie. Motion was approved unanimously.

AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Kelly Ann McGuire, Fort Lauderdale, presented a picture of Michelle and Barack Obama and requested for it to be displayed at E. Pat Larkins Center. She stated there is a cost of \$500 for the display. **Mayor Fisher** requested Mr. Harrison to make arrangements accordingly.

David Miller, District 5, Pompano Beach, announced three events scheduled for January 20th including a car show and the opening of an exhibit at the Sample McDougal House on loan from the National Museum of African American History & Culture, Community Garden ribbon cutting and the grand opening of the McMillon's Restaurant.

Imami Obong, stated she is an actress at Theater South and she is here representing the group regarding a \$15,000 payment from the CIC for the MLK I have a Dream play to offset cost for the community to attend. **Mayor Fisher** explained it is a City matter and referred her to Mr. Harrison, City Manager. Ms. Obong said she spoke to the leasing agent at City Vista about preference of

leasing to artists and they knew nothing about it. **Mayor Fisher** responded it is an affordable housing development and leasing is based on certain income levels. **Kim Briesemeister** explained the funding used to build City Vista came with restrictions as an affordable housing project. The CRA encouraged the developer to lease to artists provided they meet the income requirements but it was not mandated in their development agreement to do so.

Debresha Lasane spoke in reference to the management of the Community Garden and felt the community should be able to plant what they want as well as manage the garden.

Jocelyn Jackson said the CRA should not be outsourcing management of the community garden when it can be managed within the community. She said there is a miscommunication regarding leasing at City Vista and information provided by the CRA. She recommended a community meeting to assist those who may be interested in leasing an apartment. **Commissioner Sobel** stated the CRA may not control the developer or the property management company but felt there was misrepresentation and disconnect with what the developer may have or may not have promised the community. The developer needs to be held accountable to their original promises and the CRA needs more diligent on the onset of these projects. **Kim Briesemeister** responded the City Vista project went through quite a few public meetings and was vetted extensively with Board input.

Saracha Peterson provided a brief history on the cultural arts and the proposed artist residency program. She said now artists are trying to apply to get in the building and no one knows anything about this. **Kim Briesemeister** clarified the CAC and the CRA wanted to encourage artists to reside in City Vista through a residency program and it was never codified as CRA funds are restricted and could not be used to offset any cost for artists to reside there. The CRA has a list of those interested in living there to provide to the City Vista leasing agent who began taking applications this week. **Saracha Peterson** continued the program was presented as something that was happening and not as hypothetical. **Mayor Fisher** suggested the developer hold a community meeting at the E. Pat Larkins to provide information and assist with applications.

Commissioner Perkins asked if the first floor would be work space for artists. **Kim Briesemeister** stated the first floor was always slated as a co-working space where entrepreneurs who cannot afford their own office space can network, share space and collaborate in a collegial environment.

Terry Williams, 757 NW 15 Street, said she has notified the Federal Government, Broward County Ethics Board and Office of Inspector General to investigate the purchase of property by RMA in the districts.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion made by Commissioner Hardin to approve the consent agenda.
Seconded by Vice-Mayor Burrie. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Item #1

RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CRA AND CURRIE SOWARDS AGUILA ARCHITECTS, INC., EXTENDING THE TERM UNTIL MAY 23, 2018; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on Consent

Item #2

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CRA AND DESIGN KOLLABORATIVE ARCHITECTS PLANNERS, INC., EXTENDING THE TERM UNTIL MAY 23, 2018; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on Consent

Item #3

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CRA AND DORSKY YUE INTERNATIONAL, LLC EXTENDING THE TERM UNTIL MAY 23, 2018; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on Consent

Item #4

Approval of budget adjustment to continue the Music is Your Ali program in FY 2018.

Approved on Consent

REGULAR AGENDA

Item #5 (Moved from the Consent Agenda)

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("CRA") APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CRA AND CARTAYA AND ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS, P.A. EXTENDING THE TERM UNTIL MAY 23, 2018; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Perkins asked if this item was presented to the advisory committee prior to coming before the Board. **Horacio Danovich** explained this agreement is nothing more than a formality not requiring input from the advisory committees. He explained a Request For Qualification (RFQ) was issued in 2013 and Cartaya and Associates services were contracted for an initial one year term with option to renew for four additional years and this is the last year of the renewal option. If approved, this will extend their services until May 23, 2018. An RFQ will be issued for new ongoing architectural and design service contracts prior to May.

Jocelyn Jackson, 141 NW 19th Street, asked can this item be tabled to the next meeting without repercussions. **Horacio Danovich** explained if the extension is not granted then Cartaya cannot be used for the Annie Gillis redesign project. **Ms. Jackson** stated she is not in favor of extending their service contract.

Willie Lawson III said he did not agree with this item not going to the advisory committee for review prior to coming before the Board.

Rubin Young said all contracts contain specific performances that must be met. He said he was not in agreement with approving the continuing services contract and it should be opened up to the community to provide those services

Deborah Campbell, 1915 NW 4th Court, asked if Cartaya is the parent firm and the other three firms approved on the consent agenda were subcontractors under Cartaya. **Mayor Fisher** explained they are all individual firms providing consulting services. **Ms. Campbell** said if she understood correctly the services of these firms would be on as needed basis and each firm would be contracted individually for particular projects. **Mayor Fisher** responded yes and there is no cost associated with renewing their contract but allows us to retain their services on an as needed basis.

Debresha Lasane asked why the contracts are being renewed if the community is not pleased with any services provided by the CRA. She continued we need consultants from the community and there should be no contracts with the CRA.

Terry Williams, 757 NW 15 Street, asked why this contract is being renewed and not opened up for others to submit proposals. **Mayor Fisher** explained there was a bidding process in 2013, and all the firms submitted their qualifications and were approved for a one year contract with four, one year renewal options.

Commissioner Sobel clarified we are not renewing five year contracts but amending the continuing services contract until May 23, 2018. At that time, all the contracts will expire and an RFQ will be issued opening the process. He asked Mr. Danovich why this is the first amendment to the contract and not renewed in May 2017 and have their services been utilized during that time. **Horacio Danovich** explained it was an oversight error why the contracts were not brought forward exercising the renewal option last May. During that time no work authorizations were issued for services. He continued if approved, this will allow the CRA to retain their services until another RFQ is issued for new service contracts.

Commissioner Perkins stated she pulled the item for an explanation so the audience could understand why the item was on the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Hardin to approve the resolution Seconded by Vice-Mayor Burrie. Motion passed 5-1.

Aye – Hardin, Moss, Sobel, Burrie, Fisher
No – Perkins

Item #6

A DISCUSSION ITEM OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGARDING A MANAGER TO PLAN, PROGRAM AND MANAGE THE CULINARY KITCHEN INCUBATOR PROGRAM AT THE E. PAT LARKINS COMMUNITY CENTER, 520 MLK JR. BOULEVARD, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, 33060

Dahlia Baker, CRA Program Director explained in June 2017, a Request For Proposal (RFP) to manage the Culinary Incubator Program was issued and there were no respondents. Ms. Baker provided an overview on the Culinary Kitchen Incubator Program and introduced Chrissy Benoit who had expressed interest in assisting with launching the Culinary Kitchen Incubator Program prior to the issuance of the RFP.

Chrissy Benoit provided her past history and experiences in facilitating other like programs and restaurant management. Ms. Benoit said her concept is not to teach the culinary art of cooking but to teach the business aspects of growing their talent into a small business. She explained her program would entail basic

accounting, the difference of an LLC and Inc., the differences between the Cottage Law, Department of Agriculture, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, food services, food safety and catering contracts.

Commissioner Sobel asked for Ms. Benoit's resume, business plan and budget. **Dahlia Baker** explained there is \$40,000 in the budget to facilitate a culinary program. A detailed budget and plan will be provided if we move forward with an agreement. **Commissioner Hardin** asked why Ms. Benoit did not respond to the RFP. **Ms. Baker** explained Ms. Benoit attempted to submit to the RFP but her submittal was incomplete. Since no other responses were received she reached out to Ms. Benoit and spoke directly to her in reference to launching the program.

Commissioner Perkins asked if there was breakdown of the budget and how the funding will be spent. **Mayor Fisher** explained this is a discussion item to see if there is interest in entering into an agreement with this individual and an agreement with more detail including an itemized budget will come back before the Board for approval

Vincente Thrower asked why outreach was not done with Blanche Ely High School who has a culinary program. **Dahlia Baker** responded when no responses to the RFP were received, she reached out to Chef Brown of Blanche Ely and he said he could not recommend anyone nor was he interested in running the program. **Mayor Fisher** asked Ms. Baker to reach out to both Blanche Ely and Pompano Beach High Schools and discuss the program with them in more detail. **Commissioner Hardin** said he agrees with reaching out to the high schools for students to participate but not to run the program. He continued there may be staff at either school qualified to facilitate the program.

Jocelyn Jackson said there are certified chefs in the community who could facilitate a culinary program and should be targeted to do so.

Terry Williams asked for the item to be tabled until outreach is made to the high schools.

Debresha Lasane said she knows chefs who would be willing to volunteer for the program and she would provide their contact information to Ms. Baker.

Willie Lawson III stated it is a good concept but a business plan is needed. He said cross training should be offered for high school students.

Wayne Vereen, 2120 NW 7th Street, he said to give an opportunity for the high schools to participate.

Reverend Gary Johnson asked if the program for the culinary kitchen is being funded under the CRA. **Mayor Fisher** responded yes. **Reverend Johnson**

cautioned the Board about using CRA funding for their intended purpose as the State is watching how CRA's are using their funding.

Chrissy Benoit said she will provide a job description and a class performa to assist with launching the program. **Mayor Fisher** thanked Ms. Benoit for her time and the information she will be providing. He asked Ms. Baker to reach out to the community members who spoke tonight and gather the information they spoke in reference to.

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to reissue an RFP for management of the Culinary Incubator Program. Seconded by Vice Mayor Burrie. Motion was approved unanimously.

Item #7

RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ANNIE GILLIS PARK REDESIGN PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CRA AND CARTAYA AND ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS P.A.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Horacio Danovich explained this is to execute a work authorization to retain the services of Cartaya and Associates to assist the CRA on the redesign of Annie Gillis Park. There were comments received by the public at a community meeting held in October and public input provided at the Light Up MLK event regarding what features the community would like for the park.

Shronda Richardson, 700 NW 17th Street asked for clarification on the item. **Horacio Danovich** responded this is to approve a work authorization with Cartaya to provide conceptual designs incorporating the features based on community input.

Jocelyn Jackson asked if this redesign included additional parking. **Horacio Danovich** responded at this time there are no plans to modify or add additional parking.

Commissioner Hardin asked if there will be any other opportunity for the community to have input in the final design of the park. **David Hasenauer** said Cartaya will prepare three (3) conceptual designs based on the input provided. Once completed, staff will go back out to the community for additional feedback on the conceptual designs. **Commissioner Perkins** asked approximately how

many people provided input. **David Hasenauer** responded approximately a hundred (100) people between the two (2) events. **Mayor Fisher** thanked NWCRA Advisory Board Chairman Whitney Rawls for leading the charge on this project.

Motion made by Commissioner Hardin to approve the resolution. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Burrie. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Fisher called a 10 minute recess.

Mayor Fisher called the meeting back to order at 7:55P.M.

Item #8

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CRA AND MN ENTERPRISES INC D/B/A LANDMARK PHOTOS AND PRINTS, RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 731 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD, UNIT E, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AFTER NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.380(3) (a), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Adriane Esteban presented the sublease agreement for 731 MLK Boulevard, Unit E with MN Enterprises Inc., D/B/A Landmark Photos and Prints which is an expansion of a current business at the 731 MLK Boulevard property.

Norman Edwards 901 NW 3rd Street, thanked the Board for their support on the expansion of his business.

Commissioner Sobel asked about the 30–day advertisement and if any other businesses had expressed interest in this location. **Adriane Esteban** stated no other business responded to the advertisement.

Motion made by Commissioner Hardin to approve the resolution. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Burrie. Motion was approved unanimously.

Item #9

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PROPERTY DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CRA AND HADAR HOMES, LLC. RELATING TO FIVE VACANT PROPERTIES LOCATED ON NW 27 AVENUE AND NW 31 AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

David Hasenauer provided an overview on the Hadar Home LLC unsolicited proposal for seventy-one (71) townhomes on five (5) vacant CRA owned parcels located on NW 27 Avenue and NW 31 Avenue. The project is anticipated to generate a hundred (100) jobs, generate \$2.25 million in tax revenue and the CRA will receive 5% of net operating income over 10 years which is anticipated to generate not less than \$300,000 and no more than \$500,000..

Phyllis Smith president of Collier City Civic Association, exclaimed she as well as the Collier City community is excited and in support of this project.

Motion made by Commissioner Hardin to approve the resolution. Seconded by Vice Mayor Burrie. Motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Sobel asked for status of the negotiations with the City for the ten (10) acres for the sports park. **Horacio Danovich** said staff is finalizing a memorandum of understanding with the City for Commission approval.

Item #10 (Item pulled)

~~A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA), APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO BID UP TO \$350,000.00 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 704 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD, POMPANO BEACH, FL 33060 THAT IS BEING SOLD AT TAX DEED AUCTION BY THE BROWARD COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR.~~

Item #11

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) APPOINTING PHYLLIS SMITH, ONE RESIDENT OF THE NORTHWEST CRA DISTRICT, TO THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CRA FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 16, 2020; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION made by Commissioner Moss to nominate Phyllis Smith. Seconded by Vice Mayor Burrie. Mayor Fisher asked for any other nominations. Commissioner Perkins nominated Jocelyn Jackson. On roll call, Phyllis Smith was appointed.

**Phyllis Smith – Hardin, Moss, Sobel, Burrie, Fisher
Jocelyn Jackson - Perkins**

Item #12

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) APPOINTING VERONICA THOMAS NW RESIDENT, OR BUSINESS OWNER, OR BUSINESS MANAGER WITHIN THE NORTHWEST CRA DISTRICT, TO THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CRA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 15, 2018; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hardin to nominate Veronica Thomas. Seconded by Commissioner Moss. Mayor Fisher asked for any other nominations. Commissioner Perkins nominated Richard Sasso. On roll call, Veronica Thomas was appointed.

**Veronica Thomas – Hardin, Moss, Burrie, Fisher
Richard Sasso – Perkins, Sobel**

Item #13

A RESOLUTION OF THE POMPANO BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) APPOINTING DAVID MINGUS, ONE RESIDENT FROM THE ECRA DISTRICT OR WITHIN ONE-MILE RADIUS OF THE ECRA DISTRICT, TO THE EAST CRA DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CRA, TERM TO EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 17, 2019; OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hardin to nominate David Mingus. Seconded by Commissioner Moss. Mayor Fisher asked for any other nominations. Commissioner Sobel nominated Angela Hill. On roll call, Dave Mingus was appointed.

**David Mingus – Hardin, Moss, Burrie, Fisher
Angela Hill – Perkins, Sobel**

Mayor Fisher read an internet post by Angela Hill into the record. **Commissioner Sobel** stated he was unaware of the post by Ms. Hill but still supports his nomination of her to the ECRA Advisory Committee.

Item #14

DISCUSSION OF BROWARD COUNTY SETTLEMENT OFFER AND NECESSARY TRANSITION PLAN

Kim Briesemeister spoke about the financial implications with a reduction in revenue and the impending litigation and what it means for the future of the CRA.

Ms. Briesemeister said in trying to be proactive and looking forward to the FY2019 budget process due to begin March, the time to discuss a transition plan needs to begin including initiatives, projects, services and staff as it may take six (6) to eighteen (18) months to complete. **Ms. Briesemeister** showed a visual presentation and provided background on the litigation with the County, the annual budget cycle, redevelopment activity, financial resources, and the transition of activities and staffing. She provided an overview on the Innovation District, Old Town, Civic Commons and the drainage district. She went through the progression of the NW CRA District since its inception, completed and ongoing projects, the current organizational structure, RMA contractual services and a proposed organizational structure with in house staff and reduction of RMA services. **Mayor Fisher** asked for clarification on the direction she would like from the Board.

Kim Briesemeister said she would like to discuss whether the concept of the proposed transition which can be further detailed at future CRA meetings.

Commissioner Sobel said he cannot give direction without knowing what the ramifications of the pending lawsuit may be or a forensic audit being conducted. He expressed concerns about RMA ownership of property in the Innovation District, the county lawsuit and the ethics opinion rendered by the same attorney who represents the CRA in legal matters.

Kim Briesemeister responded there is time to go through a transition phase and no decisions need to be made today but it is time to start those discussions as there is going to be a reduction in TIF. RMA's contract and staff whether in house or under RMA will need to be restructured based on the priority of projects and budget. **Ms. Briesemeister** clarified RMA used the services of Robert Meyers, who specialty is ethics, not Jamie Cole prior to purchase of the properties. Regarding the audit, she urged the Board to look at past budgets and audit reports which have been nothing but transparent since RMA was contracted to provide services.

Commissioner Hardin asked if there have been discussions with the City Manager and is he prepared to manage the CRA as that has not been successful in the past. **Kim Briesemeister** said there have been quite a few discussions with the City Manager regarding the "what ifs". There are CRA's in other cities where the City Manager is the Executive Director supported by professionally CRA trained staff.

Greg Harrison, City Manager said there have been preliminary discussions regarding the transition of the operations of the CRA. A more defined presentation will be brought forward at the February meeting.

Mayor Fisher said we need to be proactive as a Board and begin discussions on a transition process. He asked Ms. McKenna to update the Board at the next meeting on the status of the forensic audit.

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to have the City Manager produce a report analyzing the cost associated with running the CRA including staff, budget and the future plans. Seconded by Commissioner Sobel.

Vice Mayor Burrie said although she would like to support Commissioner Perkins motion, the City Manager is going to require the assistance of RMA as they have the knowledge and expertise.

Commissioner Perkins amended the motion to have the City Manager and RMA produce a report analyzing the cost associated with running the CRA including staff, budget and the future plans. Motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Moss said he represents an area approximately 26,000 residents in District 4 and District 5. I would like to see more than a hand full of people who represent the community coming out expressing their opinions.

Mayor Fisher called a 5 minute recess.

Mayor Fisher called the meeting back to order at 10:10P.M.

Vincente Thrower, 1890 NW 6th Avenue, said the integrity of the Commission should mean a lot and spoke in reference to the Civil Rights movement. He continued RMA should not be maintained as consultant for the CRA and to build future development. **Kim Briesemeister** clarified RMA services would be to assist the CRA in negotiations in a development process, not to be the developer.

Terry Williams directed her comments towards Commissioner Moss' statement.

Wayne Vereen, 2420 NW 7th Street, quoted Martin Luther King and urged the Commission to do the right thing and put the people first. He said he did not want to see the northwest area lose money.

Saracha Peterson, 305 SW 1st Court, said this is an injustice and the downtown does not include the northwest community and now the cultural will be placed under the City to operate.

Pastor George Rich, 2180 NW 18th Avenue addressed the comment made by Commissioner Moss and in reference to the Civil Rights movement. He continued the community does not like RMA.

Jocelyn Jackson said she would like to see RMA and the employees of RMA gone.

Willie Lawson III spoke in reference to the property owned by RMA in the CRA Districts. We need to improve the plight of the northwest area and not build a downtown.

Norman Edwards said the northwest community gets discouraged when they speak out because they feel it does not get any results.

Tom Twilliger said we do not need any development through eminent domain and gentrification of a community. He continued we do not need the services of RMA. **Mayor Fisher** clarified the CRA cannot do eminent domain and we will not move people from their homes. **Kim Briesemeister** clarified there is a minimum of thirty (30) acres of vacant property. The few homes within the area are protected by zoning and no one is talking about moving people from their homes. You have to create an overall vision for a downtown showing the entire area and there is enough vacant land to build a downtown. This can occur and the northwest area will benefit with jobs and activities in their area.

Andy Cherefont spoke in reference to the conduct of the Commission. He commented on the lawsuit with the county and said RMA is the reason the county doesn't trust the CRA and it has impacted the willingness for a settlement. **Mayor Fisher** clarified no decisions are being made tonight and a transition plan will be brought forward at a future meeting that may or may not include RMA. **Kim Briesemeister** clarified it is an unfair and untrue statement to say the County Board members will not enter into a settlement offer with the City because they do not want RMA managing the CRA. She provided past history of the battle between CRA's and Broward County which began In 1999 and had nothing to do with RMA. She said the lawsuit also has nothing to do with CRA operations.

Sharon Stone Walker asked about the cultural arts. **Kim Briesemeister** responded nothing has been defined and there are talks to move the operations under the City.

Gary Johnson said he hopes the Commission will exercise wise judgement and sit with the residents to plan what is best for the community.

REPORTS

Kim Briesemeister said a member on the NWCRA Advisory Committee has missed several meetings and a formal resignation has not been submitted by that member. **Claudia McKenna** said there have been three (3) consecutive absences and in a verbal conversation he said he was not interested in serving

on the Committee. The Board can make the determination the absences require the position to be filled. The Board requested the position to be advertised for appointment.

Jordan Pace provided an overview on the proposed security camera locations and stated he has solicited three (3) bids with the cost estimated to be \$61,000 which includes the cost of the cameras and installation.

CRA ATTORNEY

Claudia McKenna stated that in conversation with Mr. Berman it was contemplated to have an attorney-client session at 4:00P.M., Tuesday on January 23, 2018. **Mark Berman** clarified the meeting will be with the CRA and not the City Commission.

Claudia McKenna announced the following Attorney Client Session:

This is an attorney-client private executive session to discuss pending litigation styled as: Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and City of Pompano Beach vs. Broward County, Case No.: 14-009654(18), 17th Judicial Circuit, Broward County, Florida. Pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, the Attorney-Client session will be private and only the following persons may attend the session:

City Commission members; Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Board members; Greg Harrison, City Manager; Mark E. Berman, Esq., the City Attorney; Claudia McKenna, Esq., CRA Attorney; Kim Briesemeister, Executive Director; Chris Brown, Executive Director; and Outside Counsel for the CRA and the City.

Mark Berman stated the CRA will be responsible for posting the meeting.

CRA BOARD

Commissioner Hardin congratulated the MLK committee on all the events and announced the grand opening of the library on January 19, 2018.

Commissioner Moss announced the January Collier City Civic Association meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00P.M.

Commissioner Perkins complimented the MLK committee for a successful event and suggested for next year the entire event take place on MLK Boulevard.

Commissioner Sobel had no comments.

Vice Mayor Burrie thanked the MLK committee for a successful event.

Mayor Fisher asked about the 450 pop up project. **David Hasenauer** responded the demolition preparation will begin January 17, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting of the CRA Board at 11:35 PM.