

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

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
4:00 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 Directors	Kim Briesemeister
	Chris Brown
CRA Attorney	Claudia McKenna
City Manager	Greg Harrison
Assistant City Manager	Suzette Sibble
CIP Manager	Horacio Danovich
CRA Clerk	Marsha Carmichael
Deputy City Clerk	Kervin Alfred

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fisher called the special meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Fisher stated Audience to Be Heard will be deferred and moved to the end of the agenda.

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEM

On December 8, 2017, Commissioner Michael Sobel sent an email to City Manager Greg Harrison requesting that a special meeting of the CRA Board be held that date or as soon thereafter as may be reasonably possible for the consideration of the immediate termination of RMA as the consultant for the CRA.

Accordingly, pursuant to the CRA By-laws and Chapter 286.011(1) regarding notice of public meetings, the Executive Directors of the CRA scheduled the meeting requested by Commissioner Sobel.

Mayor Fisher said the meeting will begin with Board discussion, RMA's response, audience to be heard and Board action if any. With that, he opened the floor for Board comments.

Vice Mayor Burrie said at the last City Commission meeting she requested an agenda item be placed on the next CRA meeting allowing the citizens of the Northwest to discuss their issues with the Board. She said in the interim, she received information regarding ownership of property by RMA in the East and NWCRA districts potentially constituting misconduct by RMA. She stated she did not agree with calling a special meeting to terminate the contract and would like to have seen this matter vetted with RMA in a different manner. She said dependent upon the discussion tonight she may request a motion to have this item postponed to the next regularly scheduled meeting to offer an opportunity for the Northwest residents to voice their concerns.

Commissioner Sobel said the meeting requested by him tonight was not to malign the public/private partnership with RMA but to protect the residents and taxpayers of Pompano Beach as the Board has the responsibility of oversight, accountability and transparency. He stated he had received information from a third party regarding RMA's ownership of property in the CRA districts of which he was unaware. He stated he felt this could have a direct bearing on the pending litigation with County and create a perception of a conflict of interest. He stated the Board follows the leadership of the Co-Directors and he is unaware if any action taken by this Board has had a direct impact on those properties. The ethics opinion rendered to RMA which is the same law firm who also represents the City and NWCRA on other legal matters refers to conflict of interest and disclosure as per the state statute but not to the master planning consulting contract, specifically Article 29 which he read verbatim. Commissioner Sobel questioned if this law firm was retained and paid for by RMA for the ethics opinion. He thought this matter should be brought to the attention of his colleagues, who may or may not be aware of RMA's ownership of the properties and felt it could not wait until the January meeting. He said he would defer to his fellow Board members on whether they want to take action, table the item or hold a future meeting to allow opportunity for more of the community to attend.

Commissioner Hardin stated he was aware of the properties owned by the RMA principals. They did disclose ownership to the City Manager as the contract administrator. He said he would like to see discussion continue and did not want to postpone this item.

Commissioner Moss stated he was aware of the circumstances of the purchase of the property in the northwest by RMA. He said he is in favor of an agenda item at a future meeting for the Northwest residents to air their issues but he was not in agreement to postpone action on this item and would like to hear from RMA.

Commissioner Perkins asked if the disclosure of ownership of the properties was brought before the Board. Mayor Fisher said an item did come before the Commission by the former City Manager when he wanted to relocate the CRA offices outside of City Hall. He said he was informed verbally by Ms. Briesemeister and Mr. Brown of the purchase of the properties. Commissioner Perkins stated RMA has the responsibility to notify this Board of such actions. She said she has expressed concerns several times about the conditions of the Northwest community and with the operations of the CRA. Vice Mayor Burrie responded that is why she asked for a meeting for the Northwest residents to voice their grievances and allow opportunity for RMA to respond. She stated she thought RMA was leasing office space and was unaware they owned properties in the districts.

Claudia McKenna said prior to Board action, she would like to speak generally on the circumstances of owning property within a CRA district by anyone who serves in a public capacity for a city. She provided history on past legislative action and what is allowed under FS 163.356 and 163.357 and in compliance with Chapter 112 Part III Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. Mr. Beach, prior City Manager and the contract administrator of the master consulting agreement at the time received disclosure from RMA as per the requirements of the state statute.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burrie to postpone this item to the next January 16, 2018 regular CRA Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sobel. On roll call, motion failed three to three.

"Yes" – Sobel, Perkins, Burrie

"No" – Hardin, Moss, Fisher

Commissioner Sobel said his concern is not if RMA met the technical requirements under state statute, but that of a perceived conflict of interest. He said disclosure of ownership should have been made prior to any Board action on projects. He said the request to terminate is not related to job performance and he is not trying to malign or ruin RMA's reputation. The actions of the Board effects all the residents and needs to be vetted with RMA.

Mayor Fisher reiterated that he was verbally notified by the principals of RMA regarding ownership of property in districts.

Claudia McKenna stated she would like to have the record reflect that copies of the letters dated June 2, 2015 and March 9, 2016 addressed to the City of Pompano Beach c/o City Manager Dennis Beach were provided disclosing the purchase of properties located at 2300 E Atlantic Boulevard and 114-122 N. Flagler Avenue for RMA management offices. At the time of disclosure, the Contract Administrator was Mr. Beach and now it is Mr. Harrison. **Ms. McKenna** stated in her legal opinion RMA has satisfied the requirements as per state statute and Article 29 of their contract and no further disclosure is necessary. She stated the Board can independently determine if there is an appearance of a conflict issue that needs to be addressed but the challenge will be RMA's legal position that they met their obligations as required.

Kim Briesemeister thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She said in reference to the statements regarding ownership of property, the ethics opinion, and disclosure matters, she would leave that to the attorneys to discuss. She continued on that she would like to speak to the coincidences and some of the nuances of what she feels are really happening here and what brought them here tonight. She made reference to Commissioner's Sobel's request for a meeting for immediate termination of the RMA contract. She questioned why suddenly after eight years of service there was an urgent need for termination, and if transparency and getting input from the community was important why call for termination on a Friday at 7:00 a.m. for a meeting at 6:00 p.m. the same day? Prior to this meeting request, and earlier in the week **Ms. Briesemeister** said she was approached by an investigative reporter from a local news station asking about property ownership and diverting tax dollars for improvements around those properties. **Ms. Briesemeister** stated these are serious allegations and not taken lightly. She said a public meeting was held at the request of **Commissioner Perkins** for the Northwest where approximately 150+ residents attended and the topic was focused on CRA so the residents have already had a chance to voice opinions on the CRA. There is also a NWCRA Advisory Committee who along with staff, make recommendations on projects and bring a budget before the Board annually for discussion and approval. She stated that they have been nothing but transparent in the five- year finance plans, audit and annual reports. There have been no self-serving recommendations, but recommendations based on 30+ years of redevelopment experience and what is in the best interest of the city. **Ms. Briesemeister** stated she feels this is an attempt to remove RMA from operations oversight, malign its character and an attack on the firm's reputation. There was no outreach made to RMA prior to this meeting with questions regarding the information received which could have been cleared up prior to a public meeting being called. She stated RMA is now forced to defend itself publically.

Commissioner Sobel referred back to the appearance of a conflict which may open the door to claims and the residents are entitled to know the facts.

IV. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

- **Michael Serverski** – 1630 SW 5th Avenue, asked if East Village 2300 building was renovated. **Kim Briesemeister** responded yes and explained the property was acquired and renovated with RMA funds not public money.
- **Jocelyn Jackson** said it is unacceptable that the property was purchased by RMA with CRA money. **Kim Briesemeister** clarified the properties purchased by RMA were private transactions with a revenue stream earned by the firm, not with CRA funds. **Ms. Jackson** continued she still feels it is a conflict of interest that RMA provides a service for the city and purchased property in the CRA districts. She is not in support of retaining the services of RMA.
- **Carla Coleman** – 2631 NE 23 St., said she is in favor of retaining RMA. Under their leadership Pompano Beach has seen growth and investment. She said developers invest in cities that are stable and have a vision and staff to implement that vision. She spoke in favor of retaining the services of RMA.
- **Ed Phillips** – 384 NW 19th Street, stated he was here when the CRA was started. He said things have been accomplished under RMA but there are still things to be done in the northwest area.
- **Greg Lieberman** – 2600 E. Atlantic Boulevard, said without the forward thinking and the vision of RMA he is not hopeful for the future of the City. He supports retaining the services of RMA.
- **Jay Ghanem** – 429 N. Dixie Highway introduced himself as the Vice-Chair of NWCRA Advisory Board and member of the EDC. He accused the CRA of trying to uproot him from his current location as an automotive use which is not favored by CRA's. He stated his property accrued millions of dollars in code liens as direct actions of **Kim Briesemeister** and **Chris Brown**. **Kim Briesemeister** clarified for the record that **Mr. Ghanem's** code liens began before RMA was in place. She stated she has documentation to provide to the Board that **Mr. Ghanem's** accusations against her and **Mr. Brown** are unfounded. She stated that CRA's do not issue code violations or liens on properties. **Mr. Ghanem's** claims that he repeatedly makes against the agency and RMA need to stop.
- **Vicente Thrower** - 1890 NW 6th Avenue, said the Board is getting legal advice from the same attorney that RMA recommended. There is a perception of a conflict of interest and he is not in favor of retaining the services of RMA. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility for the wellbeing of the northwest community.
- **Barry Dockswell** – 2880 NE 14th Street, said under his tenure as a Commissioner he spoke with RMA regarding purchase of a building in the northwest as a potential location for RMA offices as the then City Manager wanted to relocate the CRA offices out of City Hall. He encouraged the Board

to look at the progress that has been made from 2009 to present since RMA has been in place.

- **George Rich** – 2180 NW 18th Avenue, stated at issue is the perceived conflict of interest and that of public responsibility and trust. He said there is no trust in northwest with RMA. He asked who paid for the legal opinion on behalf of RMA. **Kim Briesemeister** responded RMA paid for legal counsel to review and provide an opinion on the purchase of the properties. **Mr. Rich** asked if certified notification was provided to the City Manager as outlined in the contract. **Ms. Briesemeister** responded notification was provided to the City Manager, as the contract administrator. **Mr. Rich** continued the Board should consider a third party legal review.
- **Tom McMahon** - 1404 NE 2nd Street, said RMA has spent years planning the progress of Pompano Beach. He spoke in favor of retaining the services of RMA.
- **Joseph Wells** – 789 NW 15th Place, stated there is a division with the railroad tracks and nothing has been accomplished in the northwest. He said is not in support of retaining the services of RMA.
- **Elaine Fitzgerald** - 112 S. Federal Highway, said under RMA's guidance redevelopment has occurred and is reaching outside of the borders of district. Everyone is taking notice and property values are up. She said she is in favor of retaining the services RMA
- **Jack Rogerson** - 801 SE 6th Avenue, said for 19 years nothing was accomplished. He stated he is embarrassed by the discussion of the Board and asked if the termination of RMA was going to become a monthly topic. He said he is proud of what is going on in Pompano and is in favor of retaining the services of RMA.
- **Harry Harold** – 913 MLK Boulevard, Eta Nu Education Foundation spoke in favor of retaining RMA. He said because of the relationship of his foundation with Pompano, the expertise of the CRA staff, and the assistance they received to complete their project was invaluable. He said they invested \$1 million of their own money on the development. Since opening, they have received corporate sponsorships to provide more scholarships and services for the children in the community.
- **Whitney Rawls** – 1429 NW 4th Avenue, said some things have been accomplished but there are still a lot of things to be done. As the Chairperson of the NWCRA Advisory Board he was unaware of the purchase of the property in the northwest. Generally, when a property becomes available it normally comes before the Board to address the potential acquisition for the CRA to gain site control for community revitalization. He said he was very disappointed the NWCRA Advisory Board was not notified of the purchase of the northwest property.
- **Vince Johnson** – 671 NW 18 Court, said there is a perception of a conflict of interest. He questioned if the property was purchased fairly and can you trust the advice of counsel who provides legal services for the CRA.

- **Tom DiGiorgio**, 24 NE 24th Avenue, said legal counsel has rendered an opinion that a conflict does not exist. He would like the services of RMA retained as they provide strong leadership for the community.
- **Saracha Peterson** – 305 SE 1st Court, stated perception is reality and the trust of the community has been broken. She urged the community to stop complaining as it is falling on deaf ears and to exercise the right to vote in the next election if they want to see change.
- **Sharon Stephenson** - 41 NE 1st Street, said If the state statute constitutes it is lawful to for RMA to own property in the districts then there is no reason to terminate the contract.
- **David Miller** – stated he has seen changes in the northwest community but more needs to be done.
- **Bill Carlson** – 2667 E Atlantic Boulevard, spoke In favor of retaining the services of RMA.
- **Willie Lawson III** – said very little to nothing has been done in the northwest community.
- **Joe Ryan** – said he does not know what direction this city is going in. He encouraged an attorney general investigation.
- **Delores Bullard** – 212 N. Flagler Avenue, asked that the issues with her project be addressed by staff and the project completed.
- **Rob Wyre** – 319 Woodlake, Deerfield Beach, stated he serves on the EDTC (Economic Development Tourism Committee) and has seen positive things in Pompano Beach occurring. He said if there is a misunderstanding to work through it and move on. He is in favor of retaining RMA services.

Mayor Fisher asked that the letters submitted under Audience To Be Heard be included as part of the record. Letters and emails received and included as attachments are from the following:

Daniel Adache – Adache Group Architects

Dawne Richards – Founder, East Pompano Civic Association – 3304 SE 4th Street, #6, Pompano Beach, FL

Rob Wyre – Chairman, Economic Development Tourism Committee,

Carla Coleman – 2631 NE 23rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL

Elaine Fitzgerald – President/CEO, Beach Vacation Rentals, 112 South Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach, FL

Tobi Aycok – Performance Shell Construction, 611 SE 18th Ave., Pompano Beach, FL

Shirley Farris

Tamara Corbin

Mona Silverstein

Brandy Wheeler – 634 NE 6th Street, Pompano Beach, FL

Kelly McMahan – 406 NE 19th Ave. Pompano Beach, FL, Owner of T & M Services 31 NE 1st Street, Pompano Beach, FL

Rodney Wright – 508 NW 17th Ave., Pompano Beach, FL

Margaret White – 211 SE 5th Court, Pompano Beach, FL

Gerry Stryker – CEO/President of John Knox Village

Mayor Fisher said the agenda item before them is to immediately terminate the contract with RMA. Discussion included RMA's ownership of property in the CRA, a conflict of interest and if proper disclosure was made regarding ownership. He asked Ms. McKenna to clarify if there is legal cause to terminate RMA based on what was heard tonight.

Claudia McKenna said the consulting contract contains a termination provision for convenience or for cause and explained the differences between the two. She said within the terms of their contract and under Article 28 – Notice – notice was provided to the contract administrator and Article 29 – Conflicts of Interest - state statute 163.367 clearly states you can own property provided you are in compliance with state statute 112. The Board can still make the determination that it is an appearance of a conflict and can terminate for convenience but RMA has fulfilled the obligations and no breach of contract occurred.

Further discussion by the Board included obtaining outside legal counsel, postponing a decision to a later meeting and concern of an appearance of a conflict of interest. **Mayor Fisher** requested clarification on the email request sent to call the meeting to terminate the RMA contract. **Claudia McKenna** read **Commissioner Sobel's** email sent to the City Manager dated December 8, 2017.

Motion made by Commissioner Perkins to immediately terminate the RMA contract. Seconded by Commissioner Sobel. On roll call, motion failed 2-4.

"Yes" – Perkins, Sobel

"No" - Hardin, Moss, Burrie, Fisher

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fisher adjourned the meeting of the CRA Board at 6:57 PM.

Marsha Carmichael

From: Daniel Adache <dadache@adache.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Subject: RMA

To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention that the reputation of RMA is being questioned for whatever reason. Over the years and decades, our firm has been involved with the design and development of multiple projects within the city of Pompano Beach. And in recent years, we have seen the redevelopment of the city evolve into a quality city, primarily due to the involvement and direction of RMA.

Most recently, our firm has worked closely with RMA in our own development, which was just approved by the city in a district known as Old Pompano and the city's only downtown. This tired area of Pompano Beach has been in need of redevelopment to become a focal point of the city; and because of the leadership of RMA, this area is in a positive transition of becoming a beautiful, active and energetic district that the residents can be proud of.

The past performance and experience the principals of RMA in other cities in South Florida, and within the city of Pompano Beach, speaks for itself, resulting in transitioning of dated neighborhoods, blighted districts, or abandoned buildings into dynamic architecture, functioning businesses, and beautiful vibrant streetscapes.

I am happy to report that my own personal experience with RMA and their assistance and leadership with our firm has been extremely beneficial in the creativity and approval of our own development project in the city of Pompano Beach.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Adache, AIA
Adache Group Architects
Ft Lauderdale, Florida
www.adache.com
dadache@adache.com

Marsha Carmichael

From: Dawne Richards <DawneRichards@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 8:32 PM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Subject: Letter to be read at the 12/12/17 4:00 pm Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Board Special Meeting
Attachments: CRA.docx

Hi Ms. Carmichael,

I am so terribly sorry to have to miss this meeting. I would like the attached letter read into the record.

Please let me know any questions, or if there is any information missing from the letter that is needed.

Thanks so much!

Dawne

Dawne Richards
dawnerichards@comcast.net
954-707-2997

To: City of Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Board

From:

Dawne Richards, Founder, East Pompano Civic Association; past publisher, Pompano Today magazine; 3304 SE 4th Street, #6, Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Re: 12/12/17 4:00 pm Special Meeting for the consideration of the immediate termination of RMA as the consultant for the CRA

Dear Board Members,

First, I apologize for not being here in person; we are attending our daughter's graduation from the Broward College School of Nursing at this exact moment; it's about the only thing on earth that could have prevented me from attending.

I was horrified to learn of this meeting, not least because it appears to have been scheduled with four days' notice, hardly ideal for a topic that has grave implications for the future of our city.

My family moved to Pompano Beach in 2005, due in large part to the growing excitement about the future of the city, and our fond memories of how Pompano Beach used to be, before it fell into its long decline. For four years, we became increasingly frustrated with the slow pace of progress, and in 2009, I founded the East Pompano Civic Association. Not long after, I founded Pompano Today, our city's first lifestyle magazine. Since then, I have worked tirelessly to help our city improve while raising three children and maintaining my corporate position in an unrelated field.

Both the City and the CRA were great supporters of my endeavors. This support was provided because the people involved understood that revitalizing our city required citizen engagement, particularly among people like myself: high-level, energetic corporate executives with a deep and abiding love for Pompano Beach, who could apply solid business principles to the problems facing our city.

Despite the efforts of myself and many others, it often seemed like a fruitless quest, an unwinnable battle. All of that changed the moment RMA arrived. It was clear to nearly everyone that our city was finally, finally, finally serious about our future.

My husband and I have personally been responsible for several families relocating to Pompano Beach; all are professionals who are here to set down roots and make our city better. I can confidently say that none of them would be here were it not for RMA's accomplishments. These professionals chose Pompano Beach due to the myriad improvements that are, either directly or indirectly, a result of RMA's tireless efforts on behalf of our city, including but not limited to:

- Bailey Contemporary Arts
- Our burgeoning downtown
- The completely reinvigorated Harbor Village
- The Pier Garage, and the forthcoming restaurants and shops
- The new Cultural Arts Center

As I write this, we eagerly await the new Water Taxi; the new restaurant and retail on Riverside Drive; the new downtown restaurants; the innovation district; and the first new building on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in 50 years. I am confident that none of this would have happened without RMA.

It is unfathomable to me that anyone would risk derailing our city's continued success. Quite frankly, I am embarrassed that we are even considering this. We have come so far in turning around our reputation as a city in decline that I cannot imagine any reasonable rationale for arresting our progress in its tracks.

Visionaries understand that without a long-term plan, and a strategic roadmap, initiatives are doomed to failure.

Visionaries understand that minor course corrections, unforeseen delays, and cost surprises are commonplace.

Visionaries understand that the road to success is paved with compromise, understanding, and reasonable disagreements which are productively discussed and resolved.

Visionaries understand that you bring in experts, and compensate them accordingly.

Visionaries understand that you hire the best people for the job, and let them do it.

The staff and leadership at RMA are those visionaries. I trust that our city leaders are visionaries as well.

I urge you to continue supporting RMA's, and our city's, incredible success, and to cast your vote for an even brighter future for Pompano Beach.

Thank you.



TOURISM COMMITTEE

To: Pompano Beach CRA Board
From: Economic Development Tourism Committee
RE: RMA
Date: December 12, 2107

Thoughtful growth and development are vital to the prosperity of every community. Communities who are successful in managing that process are much more likely to attract new business, create jobs and enjoy a vibrant and thriving economy.

The Economic Development Tourism Committee believes the City of Pompano Beach can be proud of a series of thoughtful projects that are attracting new businesses and creating jobs. Most notably, as it relates to tourism, the improvement of the Atlantic Blvd. corridor and the recent beautification of our beach, including the addition of the parking garage, have been instrumental in stimulating new development including restaurants, retail and lodging. These new developments will continue to attract new visitors and create hundreds of jobs. RMA has embraced Tourism in the community and its businesses. They are an active participant in the Tourism Committee and are a tireless champion of Pompano Beach.

The corridor and beach improvement caught national attention putting Pompano Beach on the tourist map - named 5th destination on the rise in the 2014 Travelers Choice survey.

In addition to the projects listed above the new Cultural Arts Center, the changes along Martin Luther King Boulevard and the rebirth of Pompano Old Town have been made possible in large part by the vision and planning of RMA. Their efforts have made Pompano Beach the talk of South Florida. Pompano Beach is now viewed as a place to start a business, raise a family and as a recreational vacation hot spot for those who love the sunshine, our beautiful beaches, golfing, diving, and fishing.

The Tourism Committee recommends that the CRA board retain the services of RMA and continue the phenomenal momentum that has been building in our great City over the years.


Rob Wyre
Chairman

Carla Coleman
2631 NE 23 Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33062
carlahome@att.net

HAND-DELIVERED
December 10, 2017

The Honorable Lamar Fisher
Mayor, City of Pompano Beach
City Hall
100 E Atlantic Blvd.
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Dear Mayor Fisher,

I am writing you today to voice my strong support for the work and success that RMA has achieved during its time in leading redevelopment efforts within the city's two CRA districts. As a 34-year resident of Pompano Beach, I have witnessed astonishing progress in recent years - in stark contrast to the city's efforts under other leadership and less attention to these areas. As I know you are aware, successful redevelopment does not occur without focused advocacy directed by staff, coupled with the political leadership by elected officials to implement complex plans.

Before my retirement as Executive Director of the Urban Land Institute's Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council, I also had the privilege of being hired by the City to conduct two technical assistance panels - one in each of the CRA districts. These panels brought seasoned redevelopment planners, academics, financiers, and developers from across the State to evaluate the impediments to redevelopment and craft recommendations. Many of those plans are now being implemented - and improved upon - by RMA on both the east and west sides of our town.

During my professional career I have worked with redevelopment professionals across the United States. None are more skilled or dedicated than the staff and leadership at RMA. As someone who is proud to call Pompano Beach my home and especially in light of the progress we are making to update and improve our city, I urge you not to let local politics get in the way of continuing this progress. Developers will continue to invest in our city only when they see stability, coupled with a clear vision. RMA is successfully providing that platform for you as an elected official of our city, and it would be more than a shame to lose it. It would be a step backwards to times when Pompano Beach was viewed as a much less desirable destination for investment.

Thank you for your attention to this pivotal matter. I will be in attendance at Tuesday's special CRA meeting to speak in support of RMA. If you have any questions for me prior to that meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carla Coleman

Marsha Carmichael

From: Elaine Fitzgerald <elaine@4rentbythebeach.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Subject: Vote on RMA

Dear City Commissioners,

Please do not vote against terminating the contract with RMA. No one has made Pompano Beach better than RMA with its excellent know-how and hands-on abilities to make multiple, integrated, quality projects happen.

RMA has provided guidance to our forward thinking city commissioners and community leaders, and has helped educate, involve and communicate openly with our residents. RMA has always put words into action and made every single project special, with focus on quality of life AND return on investment.

At RMA's every turn to improve the City's infrastructure, private money has followed and is expected to continue. I do not attend a business meeting elsewhere in South Florida without multiple people coming to me remarking about the great things they see happening in Pompano Beach, and I tell them how much more there is to look forward to.

Our city was going way downhill before the RMA team got involved. Despite having all of the best ingredients, Pompano Beach was ugly, dilapidated and seemingly mismanaged with no direction to get out of a downward spiral. Now it is a beautiful and much safer city, where everyone is taking notice throughout Florida and nationwide. Our residents are more proud of living in Pompano than ever before. Property values are way up. The improvements have certainly helped increase business for my company and so many other local businesses I talk to.

RMA's track record speaks for itself in accomplishing great projects throughout the City of Pompano Beach. It has so many more impressive projects in the pipeline that I surely do NOT want this relationship with our ever-more-fabulous city to end.

Sincerely,

Elaine Fitzgerald, President/CEO
Beach Vacation Rentals
<https://4rentbythebeach.com>

Cottages by the Ocean (Superior Small Lodgings member)
Pineapple Place (Superior Small Lodgings member)
Sunny Place (Superior Small Lodgings member)
Pompano Yacht & Beach Club
Bahama Beach Club (Superior Small Lodgings member)
Pelican Place (Superior Small Lodgings member)

Corporate Office:

112 South Federal Hwy., First Floor
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

(954) 283-1111 RESERVATIONS
(954) 942-2424 Corporate Office
(954) 942-2423 fax
(954) 471-6704 cell

Enjoy top-rated vacation condos, cottages and apartments for about the price of a single hotel room.

- Multiple White Glove Award Winner by the Superior Small Lodging Association
- 2017 Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence
- 2017 Travel Writers' Experts' Choice Award "Top two percent US Hotels"
- Recommended in New York Times Sunday Travel Article as Best Place to Stay
- Awarded 2009 Pompano Beach Chamber Small Business of the Year

Marsha Carmichael

From: Tobi Aycock <theaycocks1@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:13 AM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Subject: Tonight's CRA meeting c/o Tobi Aycock

Hello Marsha. I plan on being at the meeting at 4; however, if for some reason I cannot come I wanted you know that the CRA has my full support. I have been following their progress for many years. As an advocate of New Urbanism, I approve of and appreciate everything they have done and plan to do within our City's CRA districts. Our city needs their forward thinking and planning to grow sustainably. Thank you for your time.

Take care,
Tobi

Tobi Aycock

**Performance Shell Construction Inc.
611 Southeast 18 Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33060**

**direct: 954-914-5022
theaycocks1@comcast.net**

Marsha Carmichael

From: Shirley Farris <namafarris@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:36 AM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Subject: CRA

Sent from my iPad

Although I cannot attend the commission meeting tonight , I am totally opposed to firing the CRA. Look at all the improvements that have been made because of RMA and the CRA! Let's not go backwards but continue to move forward by letting RMA continue to do their job. Shirley Farris

Marsha Carmichael

From: Tamara Corbin <tcorbin@pompanobeachchamber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Cc: Shanna Benson
Subject: Support for the CRA

Good Morning Marsha,
I support keeping the CRA. Can you please read the following in the record at the meeting:

To the city commissioners and anyone else concerned - we support the CRA and the expertise of RMA. Please vote to keep them.

Thank You,
Tamara

Marsha Carmichael

From: Mona Silverstein <monasilverstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:26 AM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Subject: Cannot attend. Please send my support

Sent from my iPhone

Marsha Carmichael

From: Mona Silverstein <monasilverstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Subject: Re: No termination

No just a vote for non termination

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 12, 2017, at 9:31 AM, Marsha Carmichael <Marsha.Carmichael@copbfl.com> wrote:

>

> Hi Mona,

>

> Was there supposed to be an attachment??

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mona Silverstein [mailto:monasilverstein@gmail.com]

> Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:27 AM

> To: Marsha Carmichael <Marsha.Carmichael@copbfl.com>

> Subject: No termination

>

>

>

> Sent from my iPhone

Marsha Carmichael

From: brandy wheeler <brandygwheeler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:52 PM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Subject: CRA special meeting statement- please read on record

My name is Brandy Wheeler. I live at 634 NE 6th St pompano Beach 33060.

I have grown up in Pompano Beach and now own a home and raise a family of my own here. I care deeply for this city. The improvements that have been made in the past few years due to the work of the CRA is incredibly positive! The businesses that are now calling pompano home are bringing new life to the city and have made pompano a destination, not just a pass thru as it was for many years. With the current momentum and projects that are still unfinished, I believe it would be destructive to the process. Please, allow the process to be completed. It would be a travesty to allow all the funds allowed to these projects to disappear.

Thank you for your time,
Brandy Wheeler

Marsha Carmichael

From: Kelly McMahon <kelly@tmservice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Subject: CRA/MRA Meeting Tonight!

Good Morning,

I have been a resident of the old Pompano Beach area and a Business owner for 30 years. The changes I have seen are remarkable the differences in that time; the CRA with the Leadership of the RMA have made our neighborhood a safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable by all the things they have done. The down town area used to be a scary place that I would never go to after dark and now we are having events and activities that have shed a light on our City. People come from all over to attend untapped which is an amazing event for our city. I grew up here and I am now able to enjoy all the things Pompano has to offer because of the development. The CRA has brought light to our little town and it is growing at a remarkable rate Because of the CRA and the leadership of the RMA.

--

Kelly McMahon
406 Ne 19th Ave
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Kelly McMahon (business owner and Resident)
T & M Services
31 NE 1st Street.
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
Kelly@TMService.net
954-942-8768



Marsha Carmichael

From: wright74u@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Marsha Carmichael
Cc: wright74u@gmail.com
Subject: RMA

As a resident of the city of Pompano Beach for over 50 years, I can say without equivocation, the work that RMA is doing for our city has been outstanding. This group has a sustained record of rebuilding cities/downtowns around the world. Fortunately, we don't have to travel to Spain or the Netherlands for proof of their work, all we have to do is drive to neighboring Palm Beach county to see how their efforts have revitalized those communities. As a commission, you should want the same thing.

Terminating the contract of RMA is the absolute worst possible scenario for this city. I have to ask the question, Why now?, what's YOUR plan for the future development of the city? The work that RMA has done so far has positively affected my life and so many thousands of other lives throughout this region, we need to VOTE in SUPPORT of RMA to finish the work that they have started, Our city needs and deserves this to happen.

Good leaders are elected to improve communities, not tear them down!

I strongly urge the commission to vote in support of retaining the services of RMA and continue moving Pompano Beach forward!

Very Respectfully,

Rodney Wright
508 NW 17th Ave
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Sent from Windows Mail

December 13, 2017

Dear Mayor Fisher, City Commissioners and RMA Principles,

At the special meeting held on December 12th I had signed up to speak, but time was fleeting and I had company coming to my home and I had to leave early.

What I had intended to say was that I moved to a home in 1957 that my Husband had bought here in Cresthaven for us on 9th Avenue. It was a great family neighborhood at that time. Then it started to decline as was all of Pompano Beach throughout the following years. It continued on that downward spiral until the Commissioners could see that it was out of their expertise to stop the decline. I have been a local resident here and I could see that as a citizen of this town I truly loved.

Then the RMA was hired and the magic began. Being a "Pioneer" of Pompano Beach and aware of our important history, I was absolutely thrilled to see the wonderful improvements in restoring our original Old Town for ALL of the Pompano residents to enjoy. But that was just the beginning; they continued with ALL of Pompano and still have plans for more redevelopment.

Please do not take away this cherished wish to see their good works continue from a Pompano Beach tax payer of 60 years.

Margaret White
211 S.E. 5th Court
Pompano Beach, FL 33060



December 14, 2017

City of Pompano Beach
CRA Board Meeting

RE: Call for RMA's Termination

To whom it may concern:

My name is Gerry Stryker, and I am the CEO and President of John Knox Village a Life Plan Retirement Community here in Pompano Beach.

I would like to share how important the CRA is to the community, the whole community! The CRA is committed to reducing blight, improving economic health, encouraging strategic public and private partnerships, which ultimately attract investments.

The redevelopment activities they have achieved are making a marked difference in the lives of the residents of Pompano Beach as well as helping to provide the economic stability needed to maintain and sustain growth.

The CRA is helping to position Pompano as a viable economic hub of activity and to compete with our neighbors in Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton for re-development as well as tourism dollars; The CRA serves the entire community as is an imperative catalyst for change and most importantly, Pompano economic viability.

Respectfully,

Gerald Stryker
President/CEO