

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADISORY BOARD (CCRAB)
REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING**

Wednesday – September 2, 2020

3:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

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| I. | Call to Order & Determination of Quorum | Luis Castillo-Olivera
CCRAB Chair |
| II. | Approval of CCRAB Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 1, 2020 | Luis Castillo-Olivera
CCRAB Chair |
| III. | Project and Program Progress Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rezoning Project• NE 4th Avenue Project• Emergency Business Investment Program | Cija Omengebar, FRA-RP
CRA Planner |
| IV. | Old and/or New Business | Luis Castillo-Olivera
CCRAB Chair |
| V. | Communication to City Commission | Luis Castillo-Olivera
CCRAB Chair |
| VI. | Adjournment | Luis Castillo-Olivera
CCRAB Chair |

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 7, 2020

Purpose: To review the Plan for the Central City CRA and recommend changes; make recommendations regarding the exercise of the City Commission's powers as a community redevelopment agency in order to implement the Plan and carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of Community redevelopment Act in the Central City Redevelopment CRA; receive input from members of the public interested in redevelopment of the Central City Redevelopment CRA and to report such information to the City Commission sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Note: Two or more Fort Lauderdale City Commissioners or Members of a City of Fort Lauderdale Advisory Board may be in attendance at this meeting.

Note: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Anyone needing auxiliary services to assist in participation at the meeting should contact the City Clerk at (954) 828-5002, two days prior to the meeting.

Note: Advisory Board members are required to disclose any conflict of interest that may exist with any agenda item prior to the item being discussed.

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (CCRAB)
CITY HALL
8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2020 – 3:30 PM

September 2019 – August 2020

BOARD MEMBERS		<u>Regular Meetings</u>		<u>Special Meetings</u>	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Luis Castillo-Olivera, Chair	P	5	0	0	0
Laxmi Lalwani, Vice Chair	P	3	0	0	0
Robert Ayen	P	2	0	0	0
Leslie Brown	A	2	3	0	0
Pieter Coetzee	P	4	1	0	0
Adam Gellar	A	0	1	0	0
Charlene Gunn	P	5	0	0	0
Peter Kosinski	A	3	2	0	0
Theodore Spiliotes	A	1	4	0	0
Zachary Talbot	P	3	2	0	0

At this time, there are 10 appointed members to the Board; therefore, 6 constitute a quorum.

Staff:

Don Morris, Central Beach/Central City Manager
Cija Omengebar, CRA Planner/Liaison
Stephanie Hughey, Administrative Aide
Jamie Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.

I. Call to Order

Chair Castillo-Olivera called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:29 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted that a quorum was present.

Communication to the City Commission:

None

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Regular Meeting, March 4, 2020**

Motion made by Ms. Lalwani, seconded by Mr. Coetzee, the March 4, 2020, regular meeting minutes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

III. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Discussion and Recommendation

Ms. Omengebar presented for approval the FY 2021 Budget (see attached), proposed amount of \$550,000 is slightly higher than last year.

Motion made by Ms. Lalwani, seconded by Ms. Gunn to approve the Budget as presented. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Discussion: Mr. Coetzee asked for an explanation of the expenditures. Ms. Omengebar went over the expenditures, noting in particular the marketing expenses for October.

IV. Emergency Business Investment Program Discussion

Ms. Omengebar stated that on June 16, 2020, the CRA approved the Emergency Business Investment Program (EBIP), which was in turn approved by the City Commission. The Program provides \$340,000 for Central City to up to \$10,000 to eligible businesses for the purpose of rent, mortgages, payroll, and utilities; these funds are for businesses who have not received aid from Federal Covid-19 programs.

Mr. Coetzee asked how the Board will know who is eligible. Ms. Omengebar explained the application process and the question that covers that information and other criteria for eligibility.

Mr. Ayen asked if there are any applicants yet; Ms. Omengebar said there have been a couple. Mr. Ayen also wanted to know if anyone has asked for any changes, i.e., if these funds can be used for supplies and PPE; the reply was, not yet.

Ms. Omengebar produced the budget sheet to better discuss the EBIP program funding (\$340,000), that it came from the incentives funds that no one had applied for to date.

Statement from the floor:

- Don Morris stated the EBIP program was developed in conjunction with the Northwest CRA and the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD). The goal was an application process that was consistent and could be used in all CRA areas and City-wide with HCD. The applications are filled out online and reviewed. Four permissible expenditures are identified as Covid-related expenses. The City Commission initiated this first phase to be done; in future, the CRA Board will be consulted regarding changes to the process.

Mr. Coetzee asked if funding for beautification stays in place. Mr. Morris said if the business is eligible, they will get it; \$340,000 is available, and the businesses can get up to \$10,000 in a forgivable loan. Again, Mr. Coetzee asked if the beautifications are on hold; to that Mr. Morris said that no applications have been made for this year's money and that any applications would not be processed before the end of the fiscal year.

Chair Castillo-Olivera asked how the process is going. Mr. Morris explained the program is based upon others throughout the country. In response to Mr. Coetzee's question, the NW staff

is developing an application to ascertain which businesses are not getting Federal funds as quickly as possible to start processing these public dollars requests.

V. Project Progress Reports

- 1) **Rezoning Project** – Ms. Omengebar said a new planning firm will be hired to complete the project, which is 70% done. After coordination with Procurement, it should go out any time this month.
- 2) **NE 4th Avenue Streetscape Project** – Ms. Omengebar stated one million dollars from Broward Redevelopment Program will fund this project. It is currently in the planning phase with Kimley-Horn, who have been asked to attend the August meeting. Chair Castillo-Olivera asked about the status of design documents completed to date. Ms. Omengebar has not received a completion schedule yet, but an update is expected in August.

VI. Communications to City Commission – None

VII. Old/New Business

- **Member Suggested Agenda Items – None**

VIII. Adjournment

The next regular CCRAB meeting will be held August 5, 2020.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was duly made and seconded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attachments: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

[Minutes written by M. Moore, Prototype, Inc.]