

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

September 2019 – August 2020

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		<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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.]