

**APPROVED MINUTES  
 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, NOVEMBER 4, 2020 – 3:30 PM**

September 2020 – August 2021

<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	2	0	0	0
Laxmi Lalwani, Vice Chair	P	1	1	0	0
Robert Ayen	P	2	0	0	0
Pieter Coetzee	P	2	0	0	0
Adam Geller	P	2	0	0	0
Charlene Gunn	A	1	1	0	0
Peter Kosinski (arrive 3:54)	P	2	0	0	0
Theodore Spiliotes	P	2	0	0	0
Zachary Talbot	A	1	1	0	0

At this time, there are 9 appointed members to the Board; therefore, 6 constitute a quorum.

**Staff:**

Clarence Woods, CRA Manager  
 Cija Omengebar, CRA Planner/Liaison  
 Jamie Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Castillo-Olivera called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted that a quorum was present.

**Communication to the City Commission:**

**Motion** made by Mr. Ayen, seconded by Vice Chair Lalwani to extend congratulations to the Mayor and Vice Mayor in their re-election. The CCRAB is here to support you in your new terms. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- **Regular Meeting, September 2, 2020**

**Motion** made by Mr. Coetzee, seconded by Mr. Ayen, the September 2, 2020, regular meeting minutes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

### **III. Project and Program Progress Reports**

- **Rezoning Project**

Ms. Omengebar stated they are awaiting final approval of a purchase order to coordinate the meetings with relevant groups such as Planning, Zoning, and Legal to start the project back up. This project will not be brought back to this Board until next meeting or January as this is a new firm that has to come up to date with project status. There were two proposals, the qualifying firm chosen was Corradino Group with a bid of \$49,500. The anticipated time to meet with this committee will be within two months of the notice to proceed; Ms. Omengebar will have a better idea once they meet with Staff and there will be an update at the December meeting.

- **NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Project**

Ms. Omengebar reported nothing new. It is moving forward and Transportation and Mobility will develop design and bring it to the Board once the Task Order is in place.

- **Emergency Business Investment Program**

Ms. Omengebar stated this project is in progress now. It was recently taken to the CRA Board and some modifications were approved to allow program to open up again. This was accomplished prior to the application link going live. One of the modifications is that if some businesses got some form of State or Federal funding, they can apply again for up to \$10,000.

In reaching out to the Central City Alliance, the following links were asked to be shared with businesses in the area:

- Development Project Viewer Link  
<https://gis.fortlauderdale.gov/DevelopmentProjectsViewer/>
- Emergency Business Investment Loan Program (EBIP) – Apply Online Today  
<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/community-redevelopment-agency/central-city-cra-emergency>

A SurveyMonkey questionnaire link asks specific questions as part of the program and filters the replies to provide preapproved information so the applicant can get the funds. Deadline to submit EBIP applications is November 13, 2020.

The funding is only for the CRA, not City-wide. \$330,000 is left for Central City CRA alone. Mr. Woods added there are 39 responses from SurveyMonkey thus far, 25 of which have completed applications; in process of being delineated as to location (Northwest or Central City); updates are received every three

days until application deadline closes. If enough applications do not fall within the CRA, the application deadline will be extended further a drive to reach as many qualified businesses as possible. Mr. Woods clarified the Federal caveat that Federal funds carry a prohibition of receiving Federal money for expenses that moneys have already been received from another agency. This is a Federal mandate, not CCRAB.

Mr. Spiliotes asked how printed information and applications can be acquired to give to people in the neighborhood who are not digitally connected. Mr. Woods said they can print applications to make available to Board Members; Ms. Omengebar will coordinate this after the meeting.

- **Development Projects in the Area**

Ms. Omengebar shared the link to Planning Department Development Project Tracker map and list of properties, in the area and particularly Fort Lauderdale. A brief discussion followed on the various projects which may be up for presentations at future meetings.

#### **IV. Old/New Business**

- **Reschedule December 2, 2020, Meeting**

Ms. Omengebar stated this meeting will still be held as a Zoom meeting; there is no need to reschedule.

#### **V. Public Comments – None**

#### **VI. Communications to City Commission – None**

Chair Castillo-Olivera wanted to extend congratulations from the Board to Mayor and Vice Mayor on their re-elections.

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#### **VII. Adjournment**

**The next regular CCRAB meeting will be held via Zoom on December 2, 2020.**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting was duly made and seconded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.