



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 – 3:30 PM
CITY HALL - 8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Board Members	Present/Absent	Cumulative Attendance September 2022-August 2023	
		Present	Absent
Ray Thrower, Chair	P	1	0
Edward Catalano	P	1	0
Justin Greenbaum	A	0	1
Jason Hoffman	A	0	1
Shane Jordan	P	1	0
Joseph Maca	P	1	0
Christina Robinson [arrived 4:05]	P	1	0
Dennis Ulmer, Vice Chair	A	0	1

At this time, there are 8 appointed members to the Board; therefore, 5 constitute a quorum.

Staff:

Cija Omengebar, CRA Planner/Liaison
Clarence Woods, CRA Manager
Carla Blair, Prototype Inc. Recording Secretary

Others:

Linda Fleischman
Scott Sheckman
Troy Liggett

Communication to the City Commission:

None

I. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

Chair Thrower called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. Roll was called, and it was noted that a quorum was not present.

III. Introduction of Board Members and Staff

Board members and guests introduced themselves.

IV. Nomination and Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

VI. Program and Project Status Update

- NE 4th Avenue Streetscape Project

Ms. Omengebar reported they were working on a solicitation to hire a construction company, which should take about three months. Funding would come from the Broward Redevelopment grants to widen sidewalks, plant trees, and add lighting.

- Incentive Programs

Ms. Omengebar stated they had the same amount they started with at the beginning of the year, approximately \$1 million. There were people interested, but she did not think any applications would be ready by the end of the fiscal year.

- Rezoning Project

Ms. Omengebar recalled the public meeting on August 24 and said they would present to Mr. Liggett's Middle River Terrace neighborhood association on September 28. She said they had discussed the Northwest quadrant with the Planning Department. At the August 24 meeting, this had been shown split, with RM-15 on one side and RDs-15 on the other, where any building demolished must be replaced with a single-family home. They had changed this to make the entire quadrant RM-15 and would take this to the Planning and Zoning Board in October. Ms. Omengebar showed on the map where the RM-15 zoning would be in the Northwest quadrant.

VII. Communication to City Commission

None

VIII. Old/New Business

- New Board Term Year Start September

Ms. Omengebar reminded Board members that September was the start of a new Board year and they were only permitted three absences per year [aside from special meetings].

- October agenda item suggestions
 - Broward Commuter Rail Presentation

Ms. Omengebar said she had the presentation and it was very long and she would request an overview.

Chair Thrower stated the presentation concerned the tunnel/bridge options. Mr. Liggett had seen the presentation months ago and expressed concern that the commuter rail would follow the tracks that currently ran between Middle River Terrace and Lakeridge

and would double the current traffic. The neighborhood would prefer the rail went under Sunrise.

- **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Catalano requested information on the program to help people renovate their homes and Ms. Omengebar said this had not been approved by the City Commission yet but she would send Mr. Catalano information. Mr. Woods described how the painting and landscaping program worked in other parts of the City. Mr. Maca asked how they made the community aware of the program and Mr. Woods explained they had created a marketing campaign, including door hangers. Then they partnered with Rebuilding Together, who had their own partners. Mr. Woods said they would need to adopt the Northwest Landscape and Painting program and then figure out how to get Rebuilding Together on board. Mr. Jordan said Rebuilding Together was a great organization and asked Ms. Omengebar to send Board members a link to Rebuilding Together's website.

Ms. Robinson arrived at 4:05.

Mr. Liggett asked the Board to dedicate some energy to adding park space in the southern part of Middle River Terrace while they were going through the rezoning. He mentioned a property on NE 5th Avenue and Chair Thrower stated this property was already on the Board's radar.

V. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting August 3, 2022
- Special meeting of August 24, 2022

This item was deferred to later in the meeting when a quorum was present.

Motion by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Mr. Jordan to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Catalano to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2022.

[Minutes written by J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.]