



City of North Miami Beach, Florida
Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 15th, 2021

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:17pm.

Vice Chair Fortuna Smukler Board Member McKenzie Fleurimond, Board Member Daniela Jean, Board Member Michael Joseph, and Board Member Paule Villard were present. Vice Chair Smukler called the meeting to order.

Chairman Anthony F. DeFillipo was late but attended.
Board Member Barbara Kramer was absent

Executive Director Arthur H. Sorey, CRA Director Joann Milord, and CRA Attorney Pamala Ryan were present.

Public Comment Section

The meeting was opened for **Public Comment**.

There were no speakers.

The meeting was closed for **Public Comment**.

CRA Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021

Motion to approve the CRA Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021, made by Board Member McKenzie Fleurimond, seconded by Board Member Michael Joseph.

Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Amendment

Agenda Item 6 was moved to 3A and Item 5 was removed from the agenda.

Hanford Boulevard Kits of Parts

CRA Director Joann Milord introduced Joshua Rak of Bermello and Ajamil & Partners (B&A), architecture consulting firm, for the redesign of right of way improvements along Hanford Blvd.

B&A Consultant Joshua Rak provided an in-depth presentation of the Streetscape Kits of Parts envisioning project.

Executive Director Arthur Sorey encourages Board Members to take the time to review the Hanford Blvd Kits of Parts presentation in order to make clear decision on the project and stated staff will have individual briefings with each board member for their feedback.

Board Member Daniela Jean inquired regarding the street furnishings for advertisement. Joshua Rak responded opportunities for branding are available.

Board Member Michael Joseph emphasized the importance of covered bus stops which was echoed by Board Member Fortuna Smukler.

Board Member McKenzie Fleurimond commented pavers tendency to sink and the importance of the aesthetic of Hanford being similar to Fulford fountain and utilizing the proper poles for banners. Mr. Rak said he would take the comments under advisement.

Strategic investment Program (SIP) Amendment

The item was opened for **Public Comment**.

There were no speakers.

The item was closed for **Public Comment**.

CRA Director Joann Milord reviewed amendments to the CRA's incentive grant, the Strategic Investment Program (SIP) which would allow 50% match for eligible interior and exterior renovations for commercial properties within the CRA boundaries.

Executive Director Arthur Sorey added that the recent changes to the SIP are more accommodating to the developers and business owners of the North Miami Beach community.

Motion to approve the Strategic investment Program Amendments made by Board Member McKenzie Fleurimond and seconded by Board Member Fortuna Smukler.

Motion passed unanimously.

Reimbursement For Purchase of Singer Building

The item was opened for **Public Comment**.

There were no speakers.

The item was closed for **Public Comment**.

CRA Director Joann Milord reviewed the resolution allowing for the CRA to reimburse the city in the amount of \$1.2 million for the purchase of the Singer Building. The City will be renovating the property into a senior facility for residents.

Motion to approve the CRA to transfer funds for the reimbursement of the purchase of the Singer building made by Board Member McKenzie Fleurimond, seconded by Board Member Michael Joseph.

Motion passed unanimously.

CRA Approve Reimbursement for Freebee LLC

The item was opened for **Public Comment**.

There were no speakers.

The item was closed for **Public Comment**.

CRA Director Joann Milord reviewed the resolution allowing for the CRA to reimburse the City for the fees paid to the vendor for one vehicle that will be dedicated for residents/visitors who patronize businesses within the CRA boundaries. The payment approved was for \$109,000.

Motion to approve the resolution to reimburse the City for the CRA's portion of the Freebee contract was made by Board Member McKenzie Fleurimond, seconded by Board Member Michael Joseph.

Motion passed unanimously.

Update of Pop-Up Business Program

CRA Director Joann Milord announced the Pop-Up Business Program applications have been created and staff is in current negotiations to lease a commercial property.

New Business

CRA Director Joann Milord requested a CRA Special Meeting for March 24th at 4:00pm to present the CRA Annual Report which is due by March 31. Staff will also discuss the CRA extension request to Miami-Dade County.

Motion was made to approve having the March 24, 2022 CRA meeting.

MOTION PASSED Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the CRA Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54pm.