

**LAKE WORTH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF LAKE WORTH
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

I. ROLL CALL:

The Recording Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in the City of Lake Worth Conference Room located at 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth, Florida.

Present were CRA Members Madyln McKendry, Oswaldo Ona, Chip Guthrie, John Paxman, Cary Sabol & Leah Foertsch.

Also present was CRA Director, Joan Oliva

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. November 18, 2014

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Paxman to approve the November 18, 2014 minutes seconded by Ms. Foertsch.

Vote: All Ayes

IV. AGENDA – ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING:

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS (3 minute limit):

Commissioner Andy Amoroso- Commissioner Amoroso gave the board updates on the following:

- Neighborhood Cleanup January 24th
- Earth Day April 25th
- Visitor's Center opened at the Annex
- Final designs for wayfinding signage is underway
- Working on fixing lights in the medians of the gateways

VI. ACTION AGENDA:

a. Change in CRA By-Laws- Telephone Appearance

At a recent CRA Board meeting, a Board member inquired about the possibility of calling in via speakerphone to a CRA Regular meeting and thus being marked as "present." Currently, under existing CRA By-Laws, this is not permitted. At the December 2014 regular Board meeting, the Board reviewed the City's attendance policy and an opinion from the Attorney General's Office on the matter. After discussion, the Board asked our Attorney, David Tolces, to draft language that would allow a Board member to call in to a meeting under an "extraordinary circumstance."

Action: Motion was made by Ms. McKendry to approve the amended and restated bylaws seconded by Mr. Ona.

Vote: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay

b. Change in NSP Beneficiary Policy

The NSP-2 policies and procedure manual was produced and brought to the CRA Board for review and approval in January 2010. These policies were developed or included to ensure that our program met established federal housing standards and to make the process consistent and fair. In 2012 the Board approved an update and the addition of certain policies, including Fair Housing, Conflict of Interest and the inclusion of Criminal Background checks. This month, the Board is being asked to review and approve an updated Beneficiary issue policy to accommodate changes in Habitats policies.

Habitat is also asking that this change in policy be retroactive. A home was closed in December with a second mortgage given to the buyer that exceeds the current parameters.

CRA Staff stated that NSP properties must be sold at either the appraised value or the amount of money that was put in to build the property.

Commissioner Andy Amoroso and Madlyn McKendry stated that they had no problem with the CRA moving forward with a change in the beneficiary policy for the last 5 properties.

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Paxman to change the NSP Beneficiary Policy to include the following properties:

207 South D Street

413 South D Street

212 South C Street

226 South C Street

126 North D Street

231 North H Street

seconded by Ms. McKendry.

Mr. Guthrie stated that we are doing all of this to increase the property values in Lake Worth.

Vote: All Ayes

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT:

a. CRA Board Retreat

Staff stated that we will go over all of the current and past CRA projects & programs at the Board Retreat. Staff stated that an email will be sent to the Board with a few dates for the upcoming board retreat.

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Ozzie Ona- Stated that we have a lot of activities at the CRA. It's important to participate in some of the CRA activities other than just attending the monthly Board Meetings.

Leah Foertsch- No comment.

Madyln McKendry- No comment.

Chip Guthrie- Was happy that the Commissioner wanted to bring the lawn mower out

John Paxman-The NSP program has strengthened the housing market in this town. Think of where we were just 3 years ago. It's pretty amazing when you think about it. Good job to staff.

Cary Sabol- No comment.

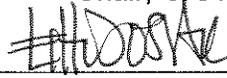
IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes Approved 01/14/15



Cary Sabol
Chair, CRA Board



Emilia Theodossakos
Recording Secretary