

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOCA RATON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2004
3:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chairman Susan Whelchel at approximately 3:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Susan Whelchel
Vice Chairman Susan Haynie
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams
Commissioner Dave Freudenberg
Commissioner Bill Hager

Also attending the meeting were:

CRA Executive Director Jorge Camejo
Boca Raton City Manager Leif J. Ahnell
Boca Raton City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser, Attorney to the Agency

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 22, 2004

Motion was made by Commissioner Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Haynie, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Chairman Whelchel, Vice Chairman Haynie, Commissioners Abrams, Freudenberg and Hager voting yes.

REGULAR BUSINESS - PART I - QUASI-JUDICIAL & RELATED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There was no business to consider.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

There were no public requests.

REGULAR BUSINESS - PART II - RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution No. 2004-09-CRA

A resolution of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") authorizing the chairman to execute the First Amendment to the Lease between the Agency and The Centre for the Arts at Mizner Park, Inc. extending the time period an additional five years with respect to raising the funds necessary to gain possession of the concert hall parcel and providing for an indoor performing arts facility with related cultural and education facilities on the concert hall parcel; reaffirming the finding of Resolution 97-10-CRA with respect to the Lease as amended by the First Amendment; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

CRA Director Jorge Camejo provided background information. He advised that in addition to the time extension, the Centre for the Arts (CFA) is seeking additional flexibility to reduce the seating capacity to

1,400 maximum seats and a change in parking requirements. He stated that this petition was noticed pursuant to Chapter 163.380, Florida Statutes.

Charles Siemon, representing the CFA, stated that they are asking for relief on the requirement for a parking structure because the cost could only be covered through paid parking. The current plan has only surface parking. He responded to questions related to the capital campaign.

Motion was made by Commissioner Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-09-CRA. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Chairman Whelchel, Vice Chairman Haynie, Commissioners Abrams, Freudenberg and Hager voting yes.

2. Resolution No. 2004-11-CRA

A resolution of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency consenting to, and authorizing the execution of, the assignment of the lease with the International Museum of Cartoon Art, Inc.; authorizing the execution of an amended and restated lease agreement; authorizing the execution of any documents provided for or contemplated by the assignment and/or the amended and restated lease; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

City Manager Leif Ahnell requested that the public hearing be continued until January 10, 2005.

Motion was made by Commissioner Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to continue the public hearing on Resolution No. 2004-11-CRA to January 10, 2005. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Chairman Whelchel, Vice Chairman Haynie, Commissioners Abrams, Freudenberg and Hager voting yes.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING – APPEAL OF BOARD DECISION:

There were no appeals to consider.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no business to consider.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Director wished everyone happy holidays.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The attorney had no reports.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Vice Chairman Haynie inquired about the dying vegetation at the International Museum of Cartoon Art site. Mr. Camejo advised that he, as well as the management company, has brought the issue to the attention of the owners and is awaiting resolution.

Commissioner Abrams asked about the status of the park area at the prior east entrance to City Hall. The City Manager advised that it should be completed in approximately three weeks.

Chairman Whelchel extended happy holiday wishes to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Chairman Whelchel, Vice Chairman Haynie, Commissioners Abrams, Freudenberg and Hager voting yes.

The regular meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m., Monday, December 13, 2004.

Susan Whelchel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharma Carannante, City Clerk