

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOCA RATON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008  
\*1:30 P.M.

\*The Regular Meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chairman Arts at approximately 3:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman M.J. Mike Arts  
Vice Chairman Bill Hager  
Commissioner Peter R. Baronoff  
Commissioner Susan Haynie  
Commissioner Susan Whelchel

Also attending the meeting were:

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 April 21, 2008

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

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

There were no items for consideration.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

No one came forward to speak.

**REGULAR BUSINESS - PART II – RESOLUTIONS AND REGULAR PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Resolution No. 2008-05-CRA

A resolution of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency amending the rules of the Agency by extending the construction commencement date for Individual Development Approvals from twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months; providing for the application of this extension to currently approved and unexpired Individual Development Approvals more particularly described herein; clarifying the scope of review by the Community Appearance Board on minor Individual Development Approvals; establishing notice requirements for extensions to Individual Development Approvals; establishing notice requirements for the Community Appearance Board and the Planning and Zoning Board for consideration of Individual Development Approvals; clarifying a requirement for an extension; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

Special Projects Director Robert George gave the PowerPoint presentation. He explained that this resolution would amend the rules of the agency and provide for five changes. First, it would extend the construction commencement date for IDAs from 12 months to 24 months. Mr. George stated that, after reviewing the files, it was determined that relatively small buildings usually commence construction within 12 months; large buildings take six to eight months to design once IDA is obtained and usually require abandonments or other actions before construction can commence. He also noted that the 24-month time frame is the same time frame the City currently uses for site plan approvals. In addition, the applicant would still be entitled to request a 12-month extension if construction was unable to commence within the 24-month time period. Second, Mr. George advised that this resolution would apply to existing IDAs, as delineated in the resolution; passage of this resolution would save both the applicants and staff a great amount of work in terms of construction commencement date extensions.

Third, changes would be established regarding specific public hearing requirements for the Community Appearance Board, the Planning and Zoning Board, and for extensions to the IDAs. Fourth, the resolution would clarify the scope of review by the Community Appearance Board. And, fifth, an applicant could be granted an IDA extension without the need for a guarantee; details were provided on all of the above. Mr. George concluded his presentation and answered questions from the CRA; he indicated that this resolution was appropriate and advised that the proposed changes were an attempt to reflect reality. Additional information was provided in regard to the existing IDAs, as requested by Agency members.

The public hearing was opened and, seeing no one come forward to speak, closed.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Whelchel, seconded by Vice Chairman Hager, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-05-CRA. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Chairman Arts, Vice Chairman Hager, Commissioners Baronoff, Haynie, and Whelchel voting yes.*

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There were no other items for consideration.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Executive Director had nothing to report at this time.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

The City Attorney had nothing to report at this time.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

The Commissioners had nothing to report at this time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The regular meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned at approximately 3:16 p.m., Monday, May 12, 2008.

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M.J. Mike Arts, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sharma Hagerty, City Clerk