

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOCA RATON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008  
\*1:30 P.M.

\*The Regular Meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chairman Baronoff at approximately 2:26 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Peter R. Baronoff  
Vice Chairman M.J. Mike Arts  
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams  
Commissioner Bill Hager  
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 December 10, 2007

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

There were no items for consideration.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There were no items for consideration.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. Meeting Summary – Boca Raton Magazine Tribute to Downtown

Development Services' Manager of Administrative Services Ruby Childers gave the presentation, advising that Boca Raton Magazine is currently working on a full-size insert, entitled, "Downtown Boca Raton," for the March/April issue, which is anticipated to contain approximately 32 pages of articles marketing the downtown as a unique destination; history, periodic updates on the master plan, editorials,

profiles, arts and culture, dining and shopping, an events calendar and advertisements will be included. Staff was assisting the magazine with mapping, historical data, and other material as requested. The magazine and the insert should be finalized shortly.

Request for banners – Boca Raton Museum of Art (Degas event)

Deputy City Manager George Brown gave the presentation. He explained that pursuant to the process currently in place for special event signage in the downtown, the museum was requesting approval to install three sets of banners, 2 X 4 feet in size, at the museum property (amphitheatre) to promote the Degas exhibit. He then referred to a handout and sketch, distributed by the City Clerk, and identified the location of the banners. The Degas exhibit will run from January 25 – April 27, 2007. Mr. Brown advised that the museum was also submitting an Individual Development Approval for a permanent banner installation at the same locations, which would follow in due course.

Vice Chairman Arts requested an update on the overall Mizner Park banner program, as presented to the CRA a few months ago. The City Manager explained that the CAB (Community Appearance Board) reviewed the program criteria and provided initial comments; Mizner Park representatives were reviewing those comments. Mr. Ahnell stated that an official update on the program would be forthcoming.

Referring to the banners for the Degas exhibit, the City Attorney clarified that the CRA was not acting on the request delineated in the letter previously distributed; staff was simply advising the Agency that Degas banners would be permitted for a limited time and no action was being requested.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

The City Attorney had nothing to report at this time.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

Commissioner Abrams referred to a notice distributed by GGP (General Growth Properties) regarding special events and the use of medians (in Mizner Park) during special events. He noted that some common-sense prohibitions included open fires and alcoholic beverages but other prohibited items included canopies and tents. Commissioner Abrams indicated that he had received some complaints and suggested that the City work with GGP on something enforceable. Mr. Ahnell reported that GGP met with staff and the handout is consistent with the information provided by staff. Commissioner Abrams commented on the anticipated difficulty in enforcing the prohibition of tents and canopies on medians, stating that they are very popular gathering places for special events. The City Manager advised that there has been significant damage done to medians during these events, resulting from these structures being put up on the medians; this notice is an attempt to ensure a measure of safety and uniformity.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The regular meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned at approximately 2:38 p.m., Monday, January 7, 2008.

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Peter R. Baronoff, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sharma Carannante, City Clerk