

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOCA RATON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009
*1:30 P.M.

*The Regular Meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chairman Arts at approximately 2:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Chairman M.J. Mike Arts
Vice Chairman Bill Hager
Commissioner Susan Haynie
Commissioner Michael Mullaugh
Commissioner Susan Whelchel

Also attending the meeting were:

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2009

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hager, seconded by Commissioner Haynie, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Chairman Arts, Vice Chairman Hager, Commissioners Haynie, Mullaugh 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. Former Cartoon Museum Update

Charles Siemon, representing the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Association (MPCAA), advised that, with the City's support, they had reached a financial agreement with Mizner Holdings V in regard to the buildout of the building, itself, and use of the second floor. He advised that the former Cartoon Museum building was now being called, temporarily, the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center and noted that the parties were in the process of documenting the agreement.

As a result of reaching this agreement, Mr. Siemon explained that the MPCAA entered into a contract to construct the tenant improvements on the second floor; details were provided. Consequently, it was anticipated that the second floor could be used for events in both the gallery and lobby area by approximately March 4, 2009, possibly in time for the Festival of the Arts. At this point, Mr. Siemon publicly acknowledged Michael Wirtz, an interior decorator, who donated his time and assistance in color selection and flooring.

It was noted that, through the efforts of the City Manager, a transfer of funds, originally allocated for the TV studio, was secured and would allow construction of the black box theater with telescopic riser seating, which was essential for the youth program; Mr. Siemon also advised that this was how part of the egress problem was addressed. He explained that construction of the theater was contemplated to begin in April and be completed by September, in time for the new school year.

Since the TV studio was not going to be used by the City, Mr. Siemon indicated that the MPCAA would take over use of the additional space; a survey would be conducted of the nonprofit organizations, in person and by mail, to determine what, if any, interest there might be for the use of same. Currently, the MPCAA planned to operate the theater, the banquet/gallery space, and lobby on an event-rental basis; consequently, there would not be a permanent tenant. Mr. Siemon reported that in April, the nonprofit organizations would be invited to see the space, take the tour, and discuss how it might be used. Mr. Siemon concluded his presentation and then answered questions from the Agency regarding the buildout and the egress issue. Mr. Ahnell also provided additional information to the CRA as requested.

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

The regular meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned at approximately 2:43 p.m., Monday, February 23, 2009.

Constance Scott, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharma Hagerty, City Clerk