

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOCA RATON COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002
4:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chairman Dave Freudenberg at 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioner Carol Hanson was absent (excused).

Also attending the meeting were:

City Manager Leif J. Ahnell
City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser
Executive Director Jorge Camejo
City Clerk Sharma Carannante

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2002.

Motion was made by Commissioner Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote; Chairman Freudenberg, Vice-Chairman Haynie, Commissioners Abrams and Hager voting yes.

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

1. Resolution No. CRP-00-16R1

A resolution of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency providing for an extension to the Individual Development Approval for the Palacio Court Tower Project located at 131 South Federal Highway; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

The City Attorney reviewed the quasi-judicial procedures that would govern the public hearing. The City Clerk administered the oath to those who indicated they wished to speak on the petition.

Following brief comments by the Executive Director, Senior Planner Jennifer Simon gave the PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Simon stated that the petitioner is requesting a 12-month extension of the Individual Development Approval (IDA) that was granted on September 25, 2001 and expires on September 25, 2002. That approval was for a total mixed-use building of 144,850 square feet; 12,525 of retail space on the first floor and 132,325 square feet of office space on the seven upper floors. An adjoining 166,308 square foot parking garage that will accommodate the required 447 parking spaces was also approved.

Additional information regarding access points to the garage, setbacks, and the proposed pedestrian arcade was provided.

Ms. Simon stated that today's petition was processed pursuant to CRA regulations that allow one 12-month extension. The petitioner's explanation of progress and justification for needing the extension was then presented. The project has been delayed because the petitioner is still awaiting relocation costs from the franchised utility companies related to the required right-of-way abandonment of a portion of the alleyway, and the City Council public hearing for abandonment of existing easements has not yet been held.

Richard Brooks, project architect, requested approval of the extension.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Vice-Chairman Haynie, to approve CRP-00-16R. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote; Chairman Freudenberg, Vice-Chairman Haynie, Commissioner Hager voting yes. Commissioner Abrams voted no.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

No one wished to speak under public requests.

REGULAR BUSINESS - PART II - RESOLUTIONS:

2. Resolution No. 2002-09-CRA

A resolution of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") amending the 2001-2002 Budget; revising revenues and expenditures in the Mizner Park Lease Revenue Fund and the Mizner Park Revenue Fund; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

The Executive Director briefly commented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, to approve Resolution No. 2002-09-CRA. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote; Chairman Freudenberg, Vice-Chairman Haynie, Commissioners Abrams and Hager voting yes.

REGULAR BUSINESS - PART III - CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no items to consider.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business to consider.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

3. Downtown DDRI Transportation Task Force

Mr. Camejo stated that it is staff's opinion that a task force approach would expedite a viable solution to downtown transportation issues. A task force comprised of seven individuals was suggested: one member of the Agency Board (selected by the Agency Board); two members of the Planning and Zoning Board (selected by the Planning and Zoning Board); two members of the Downtown Visions Committee (selected by the Committee); one member appointed by the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners; and one member appointed by the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion was made by Commissioner Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to create a Downtown DDRI Transportation Task Force comprised of members as recommended in the staff memorandum dated September 3, 2002, and to appoint Vice-Chairman Haynie as the Agency's representative. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote; Chairman Freudenberg, Vice-Chairman Haynie, Commissioners Abrams and Hager voting yes.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The City Attorney had no reports.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Vice-Chairman Haynie stated she had met with property owners on Royal Palm Road, who have suggested a novel solution to minimize cut-through traffic on their street. Ms. Haynie forwarded the information to the City Manager for staff review and evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote; Chairman Freudenberg, Vice-Chairman Haynie, Commissioners Abrams and Hager voting yes.

The regular meeting of the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m., Monday, September 9, 2002.

Dave Freudenberg, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sharma Carannante, City Clerk