



City Hall Commission Chambers
3650 NE 12 Avenue
Oakland Park, Florida 33334

DRAFT MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2022, 7:40 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Gordon.

NOTE: To support the public's continued safety concerns, the opportunity for Public Participation has been provided by email or by calling the City Clerk's office. Received public comments, if any, were read into the record during that portion of the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Aisha Gordon

Vice Chair Mitch Rosenwald

Board Member Matthew Sparks

Board Member Tim Lonergan

Board Member Steve Arnst

Also Present:

Executive Director David Hebert

CRA Attorney DJ Doody

CRA Clerk Renee M. Shrout

PRESENTATIONS

*** CRA Update - December 2022**

Dr. Steven Tinsley, Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development, provided the following presentation: The City held its Groundbreaking ceremony for the Sky Building Monday, December 12. The innovative mixed-use development will house City Hall and include 136 residential rental units, 15,000 square feet of commercial space, structured and on-street parking and five electric vehicle charging stations.

The following construction projects are set to begin in the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA): Improvements to Richard E. Giusti Heart Par Cours Park, located at 600 NE 38th Street, are set to begin and will include a new dog park as well as lighting, sidewalk and parking; construction of a new Fire Station #9 and relocation from City Park to the east side of Steven's Field to make way for City Park Phase II. The new 3-bay fire station will include fire station operations, fire administration and fire prevention; the Oakland Park Sidewalk Improvement Project is underway. Decorative lighting installation along NE 11th Avenue from NE 32nd Street to NE 38th Street is complete and installation of sidewalks will commence soon.

Dr. Tinsley continued the presentation with several projects in the design phase: design plans are being finalized for upgrades to NE 36th and NE 35th Streets. Proposed improvements include

decorative lighting, electricity for lighted tree wraps, bike racks and benches, drainage improvements, resurfacing and restriping, new parking bumpers and landscaping and irrigation; improvements are scheduled for NE 13th Avenue which include: shared pedestrian/bicycle path along NE 13th Avenue from Oakland Park Boulevard to Park Lane East and a continuous east/west sidewalk network connecting downtown (12th Avenue) to NE 16th Avenue; improvements are also scheduled for Dr. Carter G. Woodson Park which include: community garden, parking, basketball court, playground and surfacing, security cameras and lighting.

The CRA is partnering with Oakland Park businesses to keep the City clean and inviting by reducing visual clutter, providing guidance on signage and outdoor displays and continuing its educational efforts with the business community; the Oakland Park Art & Antique Walk + Marketplace convened at the Art Park, 1110 NE 34th Court, on December 10. The event featured 15 craft vendors, 11 participating antique shops and free shuttle service to shops; CRA staff joined Oakland Park Businesses to celebrate the local Small Business Community with small business events, November 26 through December 3, including a proclamation issued November 30 by the Oakland Park City Commission, the Small Business Block Party on November 26, Small Business training events provided by the US Small Business Administration and Shopping LoakL with the American Express Small Business Finder on the CRA website at: www.opcra.com; Holiday Village returned to Jaco Pastorius Park on December 2 & 3 with over 4,000 in attendance. The event featured Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, a visit from Santa, snow activities and lots of holiday fun.

The Oakland Park CRA welcomed the following new businesses: Snappers Fish & Chicken, located at 4098 N. Andrews Avenue, is a local favorite for seafood lovers and offers a variety of fish, chicken, and shrimp dishes; GB Woodarts and Design, located at 3181 NE 5th Avenue, Suite A005, provides custom, hand-crafted, functional wood creations. For more information, please visit www.gbwoodarts.com; Satellite Pinball Lounge, to be located at 3501 N. Dixie Highway, is a secret pinball room located in Fort Lauderdale's Glitch Bar and will soon open an independent location in the Downtown. The lounge will offer a wide variety of new and vintage pinball games, pizza and craft beer. For more information, please visit www.instagram.com/satellitepinballlounge; Darma Fine Art & Design, to be located at 3455 NE 12th Terrace, Suite 8, will be a fine art studio, consisting of paints, drawing and designing. Patrons will be able to schedule studio visits to view samples of the art work.

Dr. Tinsley concluded his presentation with the annual comprehensive market overview of the Downtown and surrounding CRA is nearing completion. The report provides high-level statistics, business overview, market drivers, and is a key tool in the City's business recruitment. The report will be available at the next Downtown Partners meeting which will return to in person meetings in February 2023.

Board Member Lonergan welcomed the new businesses joining the City. He also requested uniformity in street lighting and asked staff to reduce street signage when possible.

Vice Chair Rosenwald was pleased Holiday Village was well attended with over 4,000 guests.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business for a length of time not to exceed four minutes per person.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Sparks moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Item #2. Board Member Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Chair Rosenwald, Board Member Sparks Board Member Lonergan, Board Member Arnst, Chair Gordon

2. Approval of Minutes - October 19, 2022

Approved on consent.

RESOLUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

3. Consideration of a Business Incentive Program Grant Application for Forest Hills INV, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for improvements to the property located at 3655 North Dixie Highway, Oakland Park, Florida 33334.

Dr. Tinsley and Peter Schwarz, Director of Community and Economic Development, provided staff's presentation.

Mr. Elliot Wiessmark, applicant and owner of Forest Hills Inv, LLC and On the Mark Financial, LLC (Financial Services), seeks grant funding to improve his property at 3655 North Dixie Highway, which will include expansion of staff from 4 to 10 and exterior improvements.

Board Member Arnst thanked staff for actualizing the Business Incentive Program after recalling the City's unsuccessful attempts to implement a similar initiative 25 years ago.

Board Member Lonergan welcomed Mr. Wiessmark to Oakland Park. He also inquired about the light intrusion and glare requirements for businesses. Executive Director Hebert replied Building staff will work with businesses about lighting.

Board Member Sparks thanked Mr. Wiessmark for his investment in Oakland Park.

Vice Chair Rosenwald echoed Board Member Sparks' comments. He also encouraged other businesses to apply for the grant funding.

Vice Chair Rosenwald moved to adopt the resolution. Board Member Sparks seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Chair Gordon, Vice Chair Rosenwald, Board Member Lonergan, Board Member Arnst, Board Member Sparks

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION CRA-R-2022-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE OAKLAND PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA), APPROVING THE BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY FOREST HILLS, INV, LLC FOR PERMANENT INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3655 NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chair Rosenwald requested an update on the Street Cleaning initiative with businesses.

5. REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

AISHA GORDON, CHAIR

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CRA CLERK