

**WESTGATE / BELVEDERE HOMES COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wade called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. The roll was called by Mrs. Natiello.

Present: Fred Wade Scott Bedford
Dennis Koehler (arrived 5:43p.m.) Joanne Rufty
Melanie Marvin

Absent: Ron Daniels, Joe Kirby

Staff Present: Thomas J. Baird, Esq., Legal Counsel
Elizee Michel, Executive Director
Thuy Shutt, Assistant Director
Sharon Sheppard, Redevelopment Specialist
Dorothy Natiello, Secretary

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions to Agenda

Mr. Bedford requested that Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Bedford and seconded by Ms. Marvin to move Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 from the Regular Agenda to the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Marvin and seconded by Mr. Bedford to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

III. ADOPTION OF W/BH CRA MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Bedford and seconded by Ms. Rufty to adopt the Minutes of the October 5, 2009 Meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. CONSENT

It was moved by Mr. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Kirby to Adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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VI. REGULAR

VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administrative/Finance – Chair Wade

Chair Wade reported that the CRA Finances are in good standing. He added that he would be meeting with the auditors tomorrow and report back to the Board.

B. Capital Improvements – Chair, Mr. Daniels

C. Land Use – Chair, Mr. Koehler

D. Real Estate – Chair, Mr. Kirby

E. Marketing – Chair, Mr. Bedford

F. Community Affairs – Chair, Ms Marvin

G. Special Events – Chair, Ms. Ruffy

VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Michel reported that the WCRA will host the Business Community Forum for business owners, stakeholders and property owners as scheduled on Thursday, November 12, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Michel reported that Building 509 would not be available to the CRA for our December 14, 2009 meeting. He announced that the December meeting will be held at 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 410, Conference Room 4-234, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Chair Wade declared that the December 14, 2009 Board meeting would be held from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. at 100 Australian Avenue, Suite 410, Conference Room 4-234 (CRA office).

Mr. Michel reported that Staff has initiated the removal of Westgate Avenue from the Thoroughfare Right of Way Identification Map (TIM Map) and the Future 2020 Roadway system by Number of Lanes Map (2020 Map). Mr. Koehler inquired whether County Engineering has agreed to approve the Westgate Avenue streetscape conceptual plan after the removal of designated streets from the TIM Map. Mr. Michel responded that such an agreement has not been confirmed. Mr. Keshavarz came before the Board and reported that Deputy County Engineer, Tanya McConnell and staff are still considering our submittal.

Mr. Koehler asked if any contact had been made with George Webb, County Engineer, regarding a confirmation of the agreement. Mr. Michel responded that Staff has not contacted Mr. Webb and added that the CRA is anticipating a formal answer from Ms. McConnell. Mr. Keshavarz stated that he spoke to Dan Weisberg who indicated that further examination is needed in order to keep Westgate Avenue within the thoroughfare map. Mr. Keshavarz added that all efforts are being made to resolve this issue at the staff level. Mr. Koehler requested that Staff prepare a response for the December 14, 2009 meeting with regards to Ms. McConnell's position on this matter. He also expressed that the Westgate Avenue Streetscape project is pinnacle to our Master Plan and that the Board could approach County Officials, if necessary, for a more timely decision. Mr. Michel stated that he was hopeful that Ms. McConnell would provide a decision in a timely manner. He will set up a meeting with Ms. McConnell and County Engineering staff and report back to the board.

Ms. Shutt reported that half of the Central Lake project demolitions are finished. Mr. Keshavarz stated that we could be seeing bids for construction in as soon as six weeks.

Mr. Michel reported that we are waiting for the last of the permits for phases 4, 5 and 6.


Mr. Koehler inquired about the babbling brook concept plans. Mr. Keshavarz responded that formal plan proposals will be presented to the CRA in the near future.

X. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Koehler announced that he will attend a community redevelopment seminar sponsored by FAU on Friday, November 13, 2009 at the expense of the CRA.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Bedford and seconded by Ms. Marvin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.


Dottie Natiello Secretary, Westgate CRA