
OFFICIAL SUMMARY MINUTES

The Miami Downtown Development Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2017
8:30A.M

Meeting Location: Biscayne Green Project
Biscayne Boulevard | Between SE 2nd and NE 1st Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Russell, Chairman
Alvin West, Board Treasurer
Alicia Cervera
Jose Goyanes
Jerome Hollo
Danet Linares
Richard Lydecker
Nitin Motwani
Alan Ojeda
Gary Ressler
Kim Stone
Marta Vicedo
Greg West

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Neisen Kasdin, Vice Chair
Bruno Barreiro

OTHER:

Alyce Robertson, Executive Director
Karry Maravilla, Board Secretary
John Greco, Deputy City Attorney
City of Miami

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Ken Russell called the meeting to order at 8:45am and welcomed members of the Board and the public to the January 20, 2017 Miami DDA Board of Directors Meeting and proceeded with the roll call. In addition, Commissioner Russell introduced DDA's new Board Members Marta Vicedo, Greg West and Gary Ressler and new District 2 Director Abigael Mahony.

2. Special Guest:

- Honorable Commissioner Francis X. Suarez – City of Miami, District 4
Brickell Tunnel
Commissioner Francis X. Suarez asked the Miami DDA Board for their support for the Brickell Tunnel project. He mentioned that one of the biggest challenges in Downtown Miami is the inability to get around when the Brickell bridge is up. The bridge opens more than 26,000 times per year costing around 20 million in lost productivity due to traffic. As a Vice Chair of the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), he is seeking to get the tunnel on the five-year capital plan of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He asked for the support of the Miami DDA and requested a resolution urging the MPO to prioritize the project and urging FDOT to place the Brickell tunnel project

on their five-year capital plan. Board Member, Richard Lydecker asked that staff engage the DDA lobbyist team to assist and report at the next Board meeting the plan to move this forward. Board member Jose Goyanes asked that the reso include the maintenance of pedestrian mobility. Board member, Martha Viciado asked to consider sea level rise and the environmental impact. Commissioner Russell asked that we cooperate with the Miami River Commission. Commissioner Suarez said that if this project gets on FDOT's five-year plan, it will happen, so it is crucial to have the tunnel ranked as a top-tier priority by the MPO. He asked Commissioner Bruno Barreiro for support on this effort and has prepared a packet of information for the secretary of the FDOT. Commissioner Suarez indicated that the success of the project depends on the collective effort of everyone including the City of Miami, CRA's and DDA.

Commissioner Russell said that the Brickell Bridge project should be a priority and moved to approve the resolution requested by Commissioner Francis X. Suarez. Alan Ojeda moved the motion, Gary Ressler seconded and the motion passed unanimously by the Board Members present.

3. Presentation:

- Deborah Spiegelman - Chief Executive Officer
Miami Children's Museum
Deborah Spiegelman thanked the Miami DDA Board for their support in funding programming for Downtowners at the Miami Children's Museum. She said that a PowerPoint with further information and details would be sent out after the meeting.

Board member Gary Ressler said that the Museum is a great asset to Downtown Miami and thanked Ms. Spiegelman for the Museum's efforts.

4. COMMITTEE(S) REPORT Program Committee(s)

- Arts, Culture and Entertainment - Chair: Kim Stone
Committee Chair, Kim Stone mentioned that the Committee has on the agenda resolution 003/2017 approving a grant sponsorship to the Miami Marlins for the 2017 Major League Baseball All Star Game in the amount of \$50,000 and asked that Al West present the resolution for consideration. After questions from Board members, staff clarified the funding will be going to signage in downtown, events in downtown over the 5-days, and planning of the bus routes. Miami DDA staff will be preparing a brochure highlighting downtown for the 13 participating hotels, totaling 4,000 rooms. Discussion ensued and after considering the benefits that this event would bring to Downtown Miami Board members agreed to support resolution 003/2017.
- Business Development & Marketing - Chair: Nitin Motwani
The committee members did not meet this month. No report was provided.
- Finance Committee – Chair: Al West
- *Presentation: Miami DDA FY 15-16 Audit, BCA Watson Rice, LLP*
Carsheena Alison from BCA Watson Rice, LLP provided a printed presentation (handout on file) to the Board Members present and expressed that there were not audit findings. Jose Goyanes added that he attended the Finance Committee meeting and reviewed the audit documents and in the future he would like for staff to look into cyber security. Finance Committee Chair Al West, said that he was

pleased with the audit report and wanted to thank Carolina Londono and Alyce Robertson for seven years of clean audits at the Miami DDA, he also welcomed Cecilia Core who will be replacing Carolina Londono.

- **Quality of Life – Chair: Jose Goyanes**
Jose Goyanes introduced Resolution 002/2017 to execute a contract with Camillus House, as a sole-source contractor to provide the Downtown Enhancement Team (“DET”) personnel and services in an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$ 400,000.00). Board Members agreed to pass this resolution and requested to amend the resolution to track program graduates. Jose Goyanes mentioned that his committee is exploring the expansion of this program in the near future. Commissioner Russell agreed that this is an excellent program and requested that Tadd Schwartz be involved in creating press for this program.
- **Transit, Connectivity and Mobility - Chair: Alan Ojeda**
Alan Ojeda reported that his committee did not meet this month. No report was provided
- **Urban Placemaking - Chair: Jerome Hollo**
The committee members did not meet this month. No report was provided.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 31, 2016

Carolina Londono presented Financial Report with no reporting issues.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Alyce M. Robertson

Alyce Robertson report to the DDA Board members included the following information:

- Biscayne Green project had over 11,000 visitors and recognized Miami DDA Staff, Fabian de la Espriella for this project. Fabian, thanked the DDA team for their collaborative effort and shared the success of the Tango al Fresco event and co-working events. Fabian said that the comments from the public were positive and that they are using the space and ask how we can make this permanent. Fabian encouraged the Board members to attend events during the last week of the project.
- Flagler Street Task Force is working on a Memorandum of Understanding and Alberto Parjus was invited to come to the next DDA Board Meeting to provide a Flagler Street construction update.
- There will be two legislative items on the School District’s upcoming agenda, one is an MOU of the Omni CRA to partner on seats at iprep and to assist with providing tax incentive and credit for potential development on the district and the other item is a plan for renovations of Southside elementary to add more capacity in the Brickell area.
- She met with the Omni CRA to discuss mutual project such as school issue, DET team, housing, the façade program and Omni Park.
- Board Member Alicia Cervera and DDA staff met with the BNA on January 5th to discuss the expansion and staff is in the process of exploring next steps for the required analysis prior to

making a recommendation to the DDA Board. Board Member Alicia Cervera added that Danet Linares will be working on this project with DDA staff and BNA.

- **Noise Ordinance**
Commissioner Russell asked for support from the Board in regards to enforcing the noise ordinance. This was discussed at the Quality of Life Committee meeting. Members of the Board requested that additional information about the noise ordinance be sent to them after today's meeting.

7. LEGISLATIVE ITEM(S)

[Note: All legislative items are recommended by the Executive Director]

7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 16, 2016

Al West moved to approve item, Gary Ressler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by the Board Members present.

7B. RESOLUTION NO. 001/2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA ("DDA"), ACCEPTING THE REPORT ON AUDIT OF THE COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

Al West moved to approve item, Jose Goyanes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by the Board Members present.

7C. RESOLUTION NO. 002/2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("DDA") OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, BY A FOUR-FIFTHS (4/5THS) AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, AFTER AN ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING, RATIFYING, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DDA'S FINDING OF A SOLE SOURCE; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING PROCEDURES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CAMILLUS HOUSE, INC. IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM, AS A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE THE DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENT TEAM ("DET") PERSONNEL AND SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 400,000.00) FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, WITH THREE (3) ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS TO RENEW, SUBJECT TO CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL AND DDA BUDGET APPROVAL.

Richard Lydecker moved to approve item, Alicia Cervera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by the Board Members present.

7D. RESOLUTION NO. 003/2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("DDA") OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA APPROVING A SPONSORSHIP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) TO MIAMI MARLINS FOR THE 2017 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL STAR GAME TAKING PLACE IN VARIOUS VENUES THROUGHOUT DOWNTOWN

MIAMI; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI MARLINS.

Jerome Hollo moved to approve item, Nitin Motwani seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by the Board Members present.

7E. RESOLUTION NO. 004/2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (“DDA”) OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SUPPORTING THE BRICKELL TUNNEL PROJECT AND URGING PLACEMENT OF THE BRICKELL TUNNEL PROJECT ON THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, URGING PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION BY THE MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MAKING THE BRICKELL TUNNEL A PRIORITY ONE PROJECT, UTILIZING DDA RESOURCES TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS WITH CONSIDERATION OF MAINTAINING PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, AND URGING A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WITH THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION.

Al West moved to approve item, Gary Ressler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by the Board Members present.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM by general consent.