

APPROVAL

OF

MINUTES

(September 21, 2021)

The Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency

CRA Clerk's Summary Minutes

CRA Meeting

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

• CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Jannie Russell called the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

An opportunity was given to the public to email the CRA Clerk prior to the CRA Meeting with any questions/comments/concerns on items we will hear on this evening's CRA agenda.

• ROLL CALL:

The following members of the Opa-locka Community Redevelopment Agency were present: Chairwoman Jannie Russell, Vice Chair Chris Davis, Board Member Sherelean Bass, and Board Member Matthew Pigatt. Also present were Board Attorney Candice Cobbs, CRA Manager, Corion Delaine, CRA Staff, Gregory Gay, Gerald Lee, and Board Clerk Kinshannta Hall.

Absent Members: Board Member John Taylor, Board Member Rose Tydus, and Board Member Veronica Williams.

Board Member Sherelean Bass led us in Prayer.

• PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Chairwoman Russell: Do we have any add on items tonight?

***(There were no add on items.)**

Board Member Matthew Pigatt moved to approve June 15, 2021, CRA reading minutes. Vice Chair Chris Davis second. The reading minutes from June 15, 2021, CRA meeting were approved.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Sherelean Bass	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
Chris Davis	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

Chairwoman Russell: Public comments are open.

(Public Comments)

Corion Delaine: I would like to show case the donation of the refrigerator that was donated to Mt. Tabor Ministries. I would like to call up Pastor Mikell to give a few words.

Pastor Mikell: I just want to thank everyone for the donation of the refrigerator. However, it goes beyond that we need the building repaired. A portion of the top of the building fell. I've been in this community for 32 years. Before the pandemic we have been able to help families throughout the Community. We would like to continue to assist and help the Community with your assistance of helping repair the building.

Corion Delaine: On behalf of the CRA we would be more than happy to assist all our community partners. We are more than happy to uplift the Community.

Chairwoman Russell: This board is in support to assist. We look forward trying to assist and the effort in the Community. Thanks Mr. Delaine and the Hialeah Flea Market donated the refrigerator.

***(Façade Improvement Applicant)**

Mr. Caldwell: My name is John Caldwell, and my business is at 1150 Ali-Baba Avenue. I applied for the façade program and when I filled out the application.

It didn't ask for any documentations at that time. I'm here this evening with documentations that I trust that will get us approved for the 33% percent.

***Board Clerk Ms. Hall receives Mr. Caldwell documentation he has provided.**

Chairwoman Russell: This item has come before us last meeting for a waiver. We will get the information and look over it. The next meeting, we will have an answer.

Keon Williams: My name is Keon Williams at 1235 NW 52nd Street, Miami, Florida. I'm not a resident of Opa-locka but I attended the downtown masterplan workshop. I heard some great things that are going to take place here in Opa-locka. I own and operate the outdoor entertainment space in "Historic Overtown" called the "Urban". We've been able to take vacant land and activate it using tools of economic development. Entrepreneurs have been able to come in and thrive. Residents have taken a sense of pride of Overtown of what we are able to do. My goal is not only to help Overtown but what is possible in Opa-locka as well. I see there is new energy, and we will be in contact and would love to set up meetings. We want to see Opa-locka on the Map.

Will Dorval: I represent the Vison firm. I had the opportunity to present myself to Mr. Delaine and his staff. I share sentiments as the last speaker because I was sharing with Mr. Delaine that I toured downtown Opa-locka for the first time. I was able to start a catering business and the Juneteenth event was my first event where I was recognized. I was a vendor at this event. I have some ideas and we all should come together to buy back the block and beautify the community.

Darren Henry: I am the pastor of Opa-locka Church of God. I've been pastoring for two years, and I've been acquainted with Pastor Mikell. The problem is that the building is deteriorating. We thank God for Arial Lundy to assist within the community regarding food. I'm thankful for the CRA.

Vice Chair Davis: I want to thank everyone that has been an impact in the Magnolia north area. Thank you, Pastor Mikell and Arial Lundy, as well. I want to thank everyone that has spoken. As a CRA board we will do the best that we can to assist everyone.

Board Member Bass: I've been able to work with Pastor Mikell and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you. Everyone that has spoken today we hear you all and we are here to assist.

Board Member Pigatt: I would like to thank you all as well and I echo all the concerns as well. I would like to thank you all for being here today.

Chairwoman Russell: The energy and to see everyone here tonight for us as a board to see this a lot of great energy but a plus and great things will occur in the great City of Opa-locka. This is just the beginning. We look forward to moving the CRA forward. Public comments are now closed.

***Resolutions**

H1. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (OCRA) APPROVING PARTIAL PAYMENT OF THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PARKS MASTER PLAN UP TO AND NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY PERCENT (50%); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Board Member Bass: What is the 50% percent?

Corion Delaine: While looking at the contract the number can fluctuate if the CRA decides to participate. I put a percentage instead of a dollar amount, so we are not handcuffed. We can decide up to 50% percent if the CRA decides to participate.

Board Member Pigatt: We allocated \$150,000 dollars to do the park masterplan and the bid came in at \$147,000 dollars. I think our amount would be about \$75,000 dollars for the CRA to contribute.

Corion Delaine: That's correct. Since the bid fluctuated, we didn't want to say a solid number. Saying up to 50% percent will give us some flexibility.

Board Member Pigatt: Where is that within the budget for this upcoming year?

Corion Delaine: It is in the park amenities item.

Chairwoman Russell: When we talk about the 50% percent, if the parks and recreation department decide that their masterplan may cost \$500,000 dollars, we are talking about 50% percent of that. I think that a dollar amount still needs to be attached put on there. The parks and recreation department may come up might be a larger amount more than what the CRA board is willing to give 50% percent of. We should have 50% percent not to exceed.

Amendment

Board Member Sherelean Bass moved to amend resolution "H1" contribution to the dollar amount to not to exceed \$75,000 dollars and Board Member Matthew Pigatt second.

There being no discussion, the motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Sherelean Bass	Yes
Matthew Pigatt	Yes
Chris Davis	Yes
Jannie Russell	Yes

H2. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPEMENT AGENCY (OCRA) ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN MASTERPLAN; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Resolution "H2" is deferred to the next OCRA Meeting. There will be more detailed information. The resolution will be brought back before the OCRA Board at the next meeting.*

H3. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPEMENT AGENCY (OCRA), APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S PROPOSED GENERAL OPERATING AND TAX INCREMENT FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF SAID BUDGET TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Resolution "H3" is deferred to the next OCRA Meeting. There will be more detailed information. *A Special CRA meeting will be held for "Resolution H3".*

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Kinshannta Hall

Board Clerk

Jannie Russell

Chairperson