Joint Delray Beach City Commission/
CRA Board Workshop Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.
Arts Warehouse
Delray Beach, FL 33444

STAFF PRESENT:
Renee Jadusingh, Esq.
Christine Tibbs
Tracy Waterlander
Kim Phan, Esq.
Gina Clayton
Alexina Jeannite

CITY COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:
Terrence Moore
Katerri Johnson
Lynn Gelin
Henry Thompson
Jeff Oris
Ferline Mesidort

1. Call to Order
Vice Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call
City Commissioners Present: Vice-Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson (joined late), Deputy Vice-Mayor Adam Frankel, Commissioner Juli Casale and Commissioner Ryan Boylston

CRA Board Members Present: Chair Shirley Ervin Johnson (joined late), Vice Chair Angie Gray, Deputy Vice Chair Juli Casale, Commissioner Ryan Boylston, Commissioner Adam Frankel, and Commissioner Kelcey Cordell Brooks.

3. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Commissioner Frankel, seconded by Deputy Vice Chair Casale, to approve the agenda as presented. In a roll call vote, the motion passed (5-0).

4. Discussion
a. May 24, 2022 - Joint Workshop Presentation
b. Clean And Safe Program Overview By Neighborhood & Community Services

Henry Thompson presented the Clean and Safe Program. He reviewed the Clean and Safe Team, boundaries, General Maintenance, Electricians’ responsibilities, Code Compliance, and Administrator responsibilities.

He also reviewed Landscape Enhancement Projects in progress, recent operational changes, Downtown Cart duties, and additional initiatives and accomplishments. He noted the phased-out trash can receptacles are restored to be used as planters.

He summarized the maintenance of greenways and trash can liners.

Finally, he noted a FY23 budget request was submitted for a second maintenance crew to address growing maintenance needs in downtown.

In response to Commissioner Frankel’s question, Mr. Henry confirmed the Downtown Cart staff work Tuesdays through Thursdays. Commissioner Frankel noted he would support increasing their hours. Commissioner Boylston noted he would also be in support of that recommendation.

Vice Chair Gray asked about gum removal. Mr. Henry said gum removal is the responsibility of the power washer.

Vice Chair Gray inquired about beautification of Swinton Avenue near Southwest 10th Avenue. Mr. Henry responded that he would mention that area to the Parks Department.

Chair Johnson arrived at 2:35 p.m. She noted City cleanup is a constant and require daily maintenance. Commissioner Frankel updated Chair Johnson on the brief conversation that ensued about the possibility of increasing funding for additional staff or hours.

Deputy Vice Chair Casale recommended a proposal be brought forth to address the needs.

Ms. Jadusingh noted budgeting would be discussed at the June workshop.

c. Non-Profits Overview

Deputy Vice Chair Casale asked if the non-profits would be presenting this year. She noted many of them have asked about contracts.

Mr. Moore stated they are currently considering mid-August for a presentation workshop.

Ms. Oris and Ms. Jadusingh reviewed the following non-profits:

- Arts Garage (Creative City Collaborative of Delray Beach, Inc.)
- Achievement Center
- Boys and Girls Club
- Delray Beach Historical Society
- Delray Beach Public Library
- Friends of Sandoway House Nature Center
- EPOCH (aka Spady Museum)
- Visitor Information Center – Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
• Mae Volen Senior Center
• Pioneer Boys Club (Scout Hut @ Macheck Boy Scout Park)
• Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce
• Delray Beach Community Land Trust (141 12th Avenue Neighborhood Resource Center)
• Triple Threat, Inc. dba American Academy
• Christians Reaching Out to Society (CROS)
• Urban League of Palm Beach County
• Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County
• Milagro Foundation dba Milagro Center
• Knights of Pythagoras Mentoring Network
• Emmanuel Jackson Sr. Project
• 4 Knowledge is Power, Inc.
• Visual Adjectives Seeds, Inc.
• 100 Black Women South Palm Beach Chapter

Chair Johnson asked for a future conversation on City versus tenant responsibility.

Mr. Oris also reviewed other non-profit relationships and other budgeted grants for MLK Day and Sister Cities.

Ms. Jadusingh clarified the Arts Warehouse is an incubator program, but all tenants pay lease amounts to the CRA.

Vice Chair Gray asked about marketing of the City and a previous non-profit that was utilized. Ms. Jadusingh noted the DBMC was dissolved but it was previously co-led by the City and the CRA. Deputy Vice Chair Casale responded that a Tourism Master Plan is forthcoming from the City.

Ms. Mesidort spoke on the history, role, and function of the Community Land Trust (CLT).

Ms. Gelin provided comment on the properties of interest.

A discussion ensued about the properties, process, and the CLT.

Ms. Gelin recommended to discuss the topic at City Commission for initial direction. Mr. Moore confirmed it would be added to the June 14, 2022, City Commission agenda.

5. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Renee Jadusingh, Executive Director
Shirley Ervin Johnson, Board Chair

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