



CRA Board Workshop Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 28, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.
City Hall Commission Chambers
Delray Beach, FL 33444

STAFF PRESENT:

Renee Jadusingh, Esq.
Tracy Waterlander

Christine Tibbs

Gina Clayton

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marjorie Waldo
Anthony Holliday, Jr.
Evelyn Dobson

Winnie Edwards
Charlene Farrington
Mykal Banta

Kae Jonsons

1. Call to Order

Chair Frankel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CRA Board Members Present: Chair Adam Frankel, Vice-Chair Angela Burns, CRA Commissioner Ryan Boylston, and CRA Commissioner Rob Long

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Ryan Boylston, seconded by Vice-Chair Angela Burns, to approve the Agenda. In a roll call vote, **motion** passed (4-0).

4. Presentation (Included for information only)

A. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION FOR SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP (FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY)

5. Discussion

A. A.-G.U.I.D.E. FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 - ARTS GARAGE

Marjorie Waldo (President & CEO) of the Arts Garage presented their funding request. The Arts Garage requested \$275,000 for FY23-24. She played an impact video and noted the CRA funds are dedicated solely to music, theater, and comedy programming. She reviewed their program-based revenues, program highlights, and community events.

Commissioner Boylston acknowledged Ms. Waldo's leadership.

Vice-Chair Burns said they are doing a great job.

Deputy Vice-Chair Petrolia noted that Ms. Waldo has focused on inclusion, especially with the summer camps. She said they did the best job pivoting during Covid.

Commissioner Long commended the Arts Garage team.

Chair Frankel noted the space has flourished. He asked her to consider sharing tips with other nonprofits on how to secure County funding.

B. A.-G.U.I.D.E. FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 – DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Anthony Holliday, Jr., (Board President) and Evelyn Dobson (Chief Executive Officer) for the Delray Beach Community Land Trust presented their funding request. The Delray Beach CLT requested \$213,710 for FY23-24. Ms. Dobson provided a brief background on the Delray Beach CLT. She reviewed the affordable housing program, funding request and overview of activities.

Commissioner Long thanked the CLT and said it is crucial for the community.

Deputy Vice-Chair Petrolia asked about the overall budget. Ms. Dobson clarified that they are asking only for a percentage of their total budget. She agreed the CLT is so important to the community.

Vice-Chair Burns acknowledged that the CLT was not her favorite strategy but understands it is useful to address affordable housing. She said she is interested in attending one of the orientation workshops.

Commissioner Boylston acknowledged that the CLT does so much more than the finished project.

Chair Frankel thanked Ms. Dobson for her leadership.

C. A.-G.U.I.D.E. FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 – DELRAY BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Winnie Edwards (President & CEO) of the Delray Beach Historical Society presented their funding request. The Historical Society requested \$75,000 for FY23-24. Ms. Edwards thanked the CRA for the support and partnership. She provided a brief background on The Historical Society. She reviewed their programming, City Archive, exhibits, outreach, Heritage Garden, and campus improvements. Ms. Edwards described plans and programming for 2023-2024. She ended the presentation by reviewing their mission.

Vice-Chair Burns said she appreciated Ms. Edwards work and the importance of The Historical Society in the community.

Commission Boylston acknowledged the number of mediums that The Historical Society employs to tell stories. He encouraged them to keep up the great work.

Deputy Vice-Chair Petrolia noted that Ms. Edwards does an incredible job, and the campus is a gem. She said The Historical Society is invaluable.

Commissioner Long agreed that The Historical Society is impressive. He acknowledged the scope of the City Archive.

Chair Frankel encouraged Ms. Edwards to connect with Spady Museum and Arts Garage about securing County funding.

D. A.-G.U.I.D.E. FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 – SPADY MUSEUM

Charlene Farrington (Executive Director) of EPOCH (Expanding Preserving Our Cultural Heritage, d/b/a The Spady Museum) presented their funding request. Spady Museum requested \$109,000 for FY23-24. Ms. Farrington provided a brief background on Spady Museum. She reviewed their 2022-2023 programs and events and planned programs and events for 2023-2024. She summarized their funding request.

Deputy Vice-Chair Petrolia said they are doing an amazing job and spoke about the importance of black history.

Commissioner Long thanked Ms. Farrington and said the work is absolutely crucial.

Commissioner Boylston said that history is under attack and Spady Museum is out exporting the Delray Beach stories.

Vice-Chair Burns thanked her for preserving the sharing their history.

Chair Frankel said the attack on history is scary and thanked Spady Museum for their work.

E. A.-G.U.I.D.E. FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 – DELRAY BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Mykal Banta (Executive Director) and Kae Jonsons (Development and Community Relations Director) for the Delray Beach Public Library Association presented their funding request. The Delray Beach Public Library Association requested \$443,000 for FY 23-24.

Mr. Banta provided a brief overview of the Delray Beach Public Library Association. He reviewed the 2022 Library At A Glance, programming, social media, and budget request.

Commissioner Long said the education labs are amazing and they go above and beyond what a traditional library does.

Deputy Vice-Chair Petrolia explained if they did not have the Library, they would be paying a higher tax across the County. She noted the Library is an essential service available to all.

Vice-Chair Burns thanked Mr. Banta for his passion.

Commissioner Boylston spoke about the Library's digital services and how they continue to redefine what a Library is.

Chair Frankel thanked the Library for their services.

Executive Director Jadusingh noted that this is the last year the CRA will be providing the funding for four of the A-GUIDE Groups. Moving forward (after this fiscal year) those funding requests will be moving over to the City. The only group the CRA will continue to provide funding for is the Delray Beach Community Land Trust since their funding requests are for housing.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Renee Jadusingh, Executive Director

Adam Frankel, Chair