



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Naranja Lakes Community Redevelopment
Agency (CRA)**

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**SUMMARY AND OFFICIAL MINUTES
NARANJA LAKES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2008**

The Naranja Lakes Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board met in the South Dade Government Center, Room 203, 10710 S.W. 211 Street, Miami, Florida at 5:05 p.m., October 6, 2008, there being present upon roll call, Mr. Moe Hakssa, Mr. Rene Infante, Mr. Daniel Lipe, Ms. Marleen Volkert and Chairperson Nina Betancourt; (Mr. Kenneth Forbes was late) (Mr. Stuart Archer and Mr. Parsuram Ramkissoon were absent); Mr. Jorge Fernandez, CRA Coordinator, Office of Strategic Business Management; and Mr. Jason Rodriguez, CRA Analyst.

I. Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Nina Betancourt called the CRA Board meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was present upon roll call.

Mr. Fernandez noted, for the record, that Mr. Archer informed staff he would be out of town and unable to attend today's meeting, and that Mr. Ramkissoon informed staff he might not be able to attend today's meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

II. Open Forum for Public Comments (10-min)

Chairperson Betancourt opened the floor for public input and the following persons appeared:

Mr. Leonard (Len) Anthony, 14020 Naranja Lakes Boulevard, Apt PH, appeared before the CRA and expressed concern with insufficient notice posted for this meeting. He noted had he not incidentally looked in the newspaper, he would have not known about this meeting. Mr. Anthony discussed the Leisure City Charrette naming the urban center as the "Naranja Lakes–Leisure City Urban Center." He stated it was his impression that the CRA would provide input on such naming, but the CRA had not adopted a resolution to that effect. Mr. Anthony further noted he received, by mail, notification stating the area where he lived, Naranja Lakes, would be rezoned and renamed as Leisure City. He noted he was opposed to the renaming of Naranja Lakes, and questioned the CRA Board's feelings since this area was located in the CRA District.

Mr. Phillip Murray, 13248 SW 256th Terrace, Naranja, Florida, appeared before the CRA and noted the lack of discretionary funds within the proposed FY 2008-09 NLCRA Budget.

Chairperson Betancourt responded, noting the CRA did not have discretionary funds since all of its funding was allocated to the primary redevelopment project and the reserve funds were allocated to completing the capital project. She noted the recent ruling of the Strand case should open up new avenues for the CRA to restructure its loan repayment to the County and enable the CRA to free up some money to expend on projects that would benefit the entire CRA District.

Mr. Murray questioned the proposed seven percent increase in the budget for policing services, and requested clarification on whether the actions taken by the CRA today would nullify the actions taken by the CRA Board at its last meeting when Chairperson Betancourt voted by phone, to meet the quorum.

In response to Mr. Murray's questions, Mr. Fernandez noted he advised the CRA at the September 29, CRA meeting that he was unaware whether a CRA member not present, but voting by phone on a motion to approve the budget was proper, and that he would consult with the County Attorney's Office for guidance. He noted the County Attorney advised him that a Board member must be present in order to vote on a motion to adopt the budget, which was the reason for calling today's special meeting. Regarding a budget increase for policing services, Mr. Fernandez clarified the level of policing services in the proposed budget remained the same as in last year's budget, but the seven percent increase represented an increase in the cost of living and a salary adjustment.

III. Discussion of Proposed FY 2008-09 Budget

Chairperson Betancourt asked if there were any questions or discussions with regards to the proposed budget distributed to all CRA members prior to the last CRA meeting.

Mr. Ken Forbes moved to approve the FY2008-09 NLCRA Budget as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rene Infante.

Mr. Forbes noted, at the last CRA meeting, the proposed FY 2008-09 NLCRA Budget was discussed and Mr. Stuart requested the Chairperson be contacted to vote via telephone in order to meet quorum and adopt the budget. Mr. Forbes noted most of the members present today recognized the proposed budget was necessary in order to move forward and that no additional discussions were required unless any members, who were not present at the September 29, CRA meeting, wanted to discuss any aspects of the budget.

Hearing no questions with regard to the budget, the CRA Board proceeded to vote on the foregoing motion to approve a resolution adopting the FY2008-09 NLCRA Budget, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the CRA Board, the Naranja Lakes Community Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Nina Betancourt, Chairperson
Naranja Lakes Community Redevelopment Agency