



East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners Meeting

MINUTES	MARCH 21, 2013	9:00 A.M.	EBR REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 801 NORTH BLVD., SUITE 200, BATON ROUGE, LA 70802
MEETING CALLED BY	Mr. John Noland , Chairman		
TYPE OF MEETING	Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting		
FACILITATOR	N/A		
NOTE TAKER	Christy Leigh		
TIMEKEEPER	N/A		
ATTENDEES	<p>Attending Board Members: Mr. John Noland, Chairman; Dr. James Llorens, Secretary; Ms. Susan Turner, Treasurer; and Mr. Rodney Braxton.</p> <p>Also attending: Walter Monsour, RDA President & CEO; Mark Goodson, RDA Executive Vice President & COO; Chip Boyles, RDA Vice President of Administration & Programs; Susannah Bing, RDA Finance and Economic Development Director; Melissa Neyland, Christy Leigh, and Rebecca Normand, RDA Staff; Megan Rousell and Quinn Eubanks, RDA Intern; Charles Landry, Jones Walker; Sam Sanders, Mid City Redevelopment Alliance; Byron Turner, EBR CDE, L.L.C. Board of Directors; Tara Titone, CPEX; Whitney Cooper, DDD; Olivia LaBore, WBRZ; and Chad Calder, The Advocate</p>		
	CALL TO ORDER	JOHN NOLAND	
DISCUSSION	Meeting called to order by Mr. Noland at 9:02 a.m.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NONE			
	DECEMBER 13, 2012 MINUTES	JOHN NOLAND	
DISCUSSION	Mr. Noland asked for approval of the minutes from the February 19, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting.		
CONCLUSIONS			

Dr. Llorens made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Braxton seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

	FINANCIAL REPORT	MARK GOODSON
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DISCUSSION		
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Mr. Goodson presented the RDA Balance and Profit & Loss sheets through the end of February 2013. The RDA Balance Sheet showed a total of over \$5.5 million in assets, \$1.8 million in liabilities, and \$3.6 million in total equity. Mark also noted that the JP Morgan Chase – CDBG Fund account was showing a negative variance because the new accounting system, as recommended by the auditors, does not include reimbursements from the CDBG grants. That balance for the JP Morgan Chase – CDBG Fund account is over \$500,000. Over The RDA Profit & Loss statement (new format shows against the annualized budget) showed total expenses of \$270, 000 with no net income.

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
NONE		

	HEALTHY CORNER STORE UPDATE	CHIP BOYLES
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DISCUSSION

Chip Boyles updated the Board on the Healthy Corner Store Project. The Healthy Cities Initiative awarded the RDA \$100,000 towards the Healthy Corner Store Initiative. Chip Boyles reported that in order to apply for the grant program, businesses should be located in or near the 70802, 70805 and 70807 zip codes. The grant includes help with interior and exterior improvements, as well as marketing. They will be selected based on community input and distance from full service grocery stores.

CONCLUSIONS

Mr. Braxton made a motion to approve the Healthy Corner Stores Resolution, Ms. Turner seconded the motion. In a roll call vote to Dr. Llorens, Mr. Mayhall, Ms. Turner, Mr. Braxton and Mr. Noland all voted aye. The Healthy Corner Stores Resolution was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
NONE		

	CDBG GRANT AGREEMENT FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	CHIP BOYLES
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DISCUSSION		
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Chip Boyles presented the Board with the CDBG Grant Agreement for the Business Improvement Program. The RDA was approved in the 2012 City Parish Action Plan for \$250,000. The agreement will allow the RDA to accept the \$250,000. The Business Improvement Program provides exterior improvements including; landscaping, parking lot, exterior building

structure and lighting improvements to approved applicants. Funding for this program is up to \$7500 per storefront.

CONCLUSIONS		
Dr. Llorens made a motion to approve the CDBG Grant Resolution, Ms. Turner seconded the motion. In a roll call vote to Dr. Llorens, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Mayhall, Ms. Turner and Mr. Noland all voted aye. The CDBG Grant Resolution for the Business Improvement program was unanimously approved.		
ACTION ITEMS		
PERSON RESPONSIBLE		
DEADLINE		
NONE		
PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES		WALTER MONSOUR
DISCUSSION		
Walter Monsour and appropriate staff updated that Board on the following projects: Better Block Event, Code Enforcement Legislation, Smiley Heights, Fresh Foods; Mobile Market, GAP – A, GAP – C, Business Improvement Grant, Lincoln Theater and New Market Tax Credits.		
CONCLUSIONS		
NONE		
ACTION ITEMS		
PERSON RESPONSIBLE		
DEADLINE		
NONE		
NEW BUSINESS, PUBLIC COMMENT, ADJOURNMENT		JOHN NOLAND
NEW BUSINESS	No New Business	
PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.	
ADJOURNMENT	Mr. Noland adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.	