

A meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, Conference Room "R", Second Floor, Orlando, Florida. Noting a quorum was present, Acting Chairman Bill Dymond called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Dymond Jessica Burns Wendy Connor Terry Delahunty

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roger Chapin, Chair Doug Taylor, Vice Chair

Commissioner Tiffany Moore-Russell

STAFF PRESENT:

Thomas C. Chatmon Jr., Executive Director

Walter Hawkins, Director of Urban Development

David Barilla, Assistant Director

Patricia Dellacona, Division Fiscal Manager Kelly Moody, DDB/CRA Project Manager Christel Brooks, Administrative Specialist

Shaniqua Rose, Board Secretary

Mercedes Blanca, Economic Development Coordinator

Bob Fish, Downtown Clean Team Manager

Rose Garlick, Downtown Information Center Manager

Victoria Walker, Assistant City Attorney

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> - A motion was made by Terry Delahunty and seconded by Wendy Connor to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2014 Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - None

New Business -

a) <u>Minority Entrepreneur Business Assistance (MEBA) Funding and Agreement for Dasumakim, LLC d/b/a Sunshine Coin Laundry</u>

Mercedes Blanca, Economic Development Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the

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Minority/Women Entrepreneur Business Assistance (MEBA) Program that was approved by the CRA on August 28, 2006. The MEBA Program assists with small business retention and creation in the MEBA target area as defined within the Downtown Orlando Community Redevelopment Area. The MEBA Program provides financial assistance of up to \$40,000.00 to qualified new and existing retail and service businesses for retention/relocation expenses, purchase of capital equipment, marketing services, and business start-up expenses.

Dasumakim, LLC, d/b/a Sunshine Coin Laundry, is owned by Sue McCreary with her husband David. Sunshine Coin Laundry is located in the Downtown Orlando Community Redevelopment Area at 700 West Livingston Street. The applicants purchased the business in 2010, but it has been a part of the Parramore community for more than 30 years. The applicants requested \$39,980.00 to be used towards the purchase of high efficiency washers, water heaters, dryer repairs, folding tables, and laundry carts.

The MEBA Advisory Board recommended approval of funding up to \$40,000.00 at the February 26, 2014 MEBA Advisory Board Meeting.

Staff requested the CRA Advisory Board to recommend approval of the MEBA Funding Agreement between the CRA and Dasumakim, LLC, and authorization for the Chairman and Executive Director of the CRA to execute the Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney's Office.

A motion was made by Terry Delahunty and seconded by Jessica Burns to recommend that the Community Redevelopment Agency approve the MEBA Funding Agreement between the CRA and Dasumakim, LLC, and authorization for the Chairman and Executive Director of the CRA to execute the Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney's Office. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Delahunty said that he would like a comprehensive update on all the businesses that have received MEBA funding during the next Board Meeting.

Parramore Update -

Walter Hawkins gave an update on events that took place in the Parramore area during February and March; he also gave dates on upcoming events. The Board thanked Mr. Hawkins for his update.

Executive Director Report – None

<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>- The next scheduled meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board is Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 3:00 p.m., at Conference Room "R", on the Second Floor of City Hall.

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Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board, Acting Chairman Bill Dymond adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Thomas C. Chatmon, Jr.

Executive Director

Board Secretary