



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD**

**December 6, 2013
4:00 p.m.**

**1409 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, 4th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70113**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Singleton called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A quorum was called with the following Commissioners present at the meeting: Hackett-Antrum, Dang Le, Lee, Leger, Singleton and Tiller. Commissioners Marsiglia and Reed were absent.

III. Comments from Chair

Chairman Singleton introduced Ron Forman, Board Chair and Ronald Markham, CEO of the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra. Mr. Forman and Mr. Markham gave a presentation regarding the New Orleans Jazz Market. They discussed the programming, operations, revenue model as well as responding to questions and/or concerns from the Board as it pertains to their request for commercial corridor funding from NORA.

IV. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

V. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes October 14, 2013

The minutes were unanimously approved.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Hebert gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the current status of NSP2 development. This presentation included the number of units sold, rented, available for sale/rent, under construction and in the predevelopment stage to date. Mr. Hebert also stated NORA has spent 103% of the original grant amount (program income) by the February 2013 expenditure deadline. The July 2013 HUD Audit had no findings and over 60% of the housing units are sold/rented.

The presentation provided a comprehensive 2013 Year in Review of all NORA activities as they relate to affordable housing; commercial corridor revitalization; alternative land use; disposition programs and achievements such as the Market Value Analysis.

Mr. Hebert also gave an overview of the year ahead for the NSP2 wrap-up, construction lending program, AHPP/Katrina Cottage management, commercial corridor gap financing, Façade Renew Grant Program and Livable Claiborne Communities. He also announced the NORA Green Program which is a broader branding for a set of green programs which includes alternative land use, growing home, alternative maintenance and green infrastructure.

*****PowerPoint Attached*****

VII. Committee Reports

A. Land Assembly Committee-Connor

1. Loan Committee Recommendation

a) New Orleans Jazz Market

1436 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard

2. 2013 Gentilly Redevelopment Initiative Selection

3. Resolution(s)

2013-18 Authorizing a Loan to New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, Inc. or its Affiliate for the Redevelopment of 1436 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard.

Motion: Dang Le

Seconded: Hackett-Antrum

7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent

2013-19 Awarding the Gentilly Request for Proposals and Qualifications to Project Home Again Foundation, The Saint Bernard Project, Inc.(and its affiliate) and Armstrong N Construction, LLC.

Motion: Connor

Seconded: Hackett-Antrum

6 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent 1 Abstain

B. Finance Committee-Lee

1. Revenue Update-Michelle Calachino

2. Acceptance of Financials through October 2013

3. 2014 Budget

Copies of the report were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for their review and staff assured the Board that responses to findings have been completed or are in the process of being completed.

4. Resolution(s)

2013-17 Approving and Adopting 2014 Budget

Motion: Lee

Seconded: Dang Le

7 Yeas 0 Nays 2 Absent

5. 2012 Annual Audit-Paul Andoh, Bruno & Tervalon

6. Financial Recovery Plan-Jeff Hebert

Mr. Hebert discussed how NORA will use this plan to assess risk; review staff capacity and departmental analysis; departmental organization; implementation of the Enterprise Resource Plan; staff training and development; quarterly assistance(agreed procedures) and as well as short and long term financial planning.

*****PowerPoint Attached*****

VIII. Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. and the Regular Board Meeting resumed at 6:56 p.m.

IX. Other Matters

Chairman Singleton asked Brian Lawlor, the City's Director of Housing Policy and Community Development to provide a report at the February 2014 board meeting as to how the City envisions addressing the matters of vacant land in the Lower 9th Ward, the slow sale of properties in the Lower 9th Ward and what role the City believes NORA should have in assisting with these matters.

Chairman Singleton also asked Mr. Lawlor to research the potential for NORA controlled parking in the O.C. Haley Corridor area.

Finally, Chairman Singleton also stated that would like to have a board retreat in 2014.

X. Public Comment

Moise Makori-RAE Vote addressed the Board in regards to NORA assisting with providing resources for long-term permanent housing for ex-offenders. Mr. Makori stated that he gave a presentation to the City Council at the November 21, 2013 council meeting detailing this initiative. Chairman Singleton asked staff to schedule a meeting with Mr. Makori to further discuss his request.

XI. Adjourn

A motion was cast and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.


Ben Tiller, Secretary