



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

**February 10, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

**1409 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Orleans, LA 70113**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Singleton called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Comments from Chair**

**IV. Review and Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved.

**V. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes December 6, 2013**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

**VI. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Hebert gave a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the following areas:

**Disposition**

The total number of dispositions completed as of December 31, 2013 was 514; surpassing NORA's original goal of 500 dispositions by year end.

**Façade Renew**

Launched on January 21, 2014; three (3) community grant workshops were held for each corridor with an average attendance of 25 individuals; and as of February 10, 2014, 11 applicants were going through the pre-screening process

### **Commercial Corridor Gap Financing**

The Broad ReFresh-Whole Foods Market grand opening was held on February 4, 2014; sales on the first day grossed nearly \$150k and were thought to be the highest grand opening sales per square foot in the history of Whole Foods.

### **NORA Green**

The Pilot Rain Garden dedication was held on February 6, 2014 at 5302 Wildair; EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, Mayor Landrieu, Councilmembers Morrell and Guidry and Commissioner Lee attended the ceremony.

### **NSP2 Update**

128 units	Sold
220 units	Rented
81 units	Complete, available for sale/rent
31 units	Under construction
12 units	Predevelopment

\*As of February 10, 2014

### **Construction Lending**

The LA State Office of Community Development approved an amendment to the program on February 7, 2014. NORA plans to release the Request for Proposals late March 2014. This RFP focuses on the redevelopment of vacant lots and lots with structures in/around the Treme, Gentilly and New Orleans East neighborhoods.

### **Website**

NORA's website is undergoing enhancements and will launch late spring 2014.

### **Japan Symposium on Spatial Planning Following Disasters**

Mr. Hebert traveled to Japan in December 2013 to attend this symposium at Tohoku University. The symposium aimed to bring together experiences and knowledge of spatial planning after significant disasters and highlight on-going efforts to improve spatial resilience across the globe.

### **NeighborWorks Training Institute**

Mr. Hebert and several staff members traveled to Los Angeles February 24-28, 2014 to receive training through the Achieving Impact through Regional Collaboration Symposium. Courses included community development in action; green and sustainability and community revitalization.

### **Staff Updates**

Jerry Graves, PhD has joined NORA's team as the Director of Land Management.

\*\*\*PowerPoint Attached\*\*\*

## **VII. Departmental Report**

### **A. Finance-Calachino**

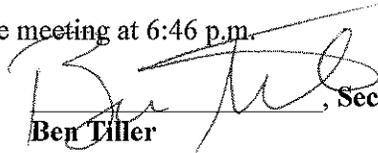
- 1. Revenue Update**
- 2. Acceptance of Financials through November 2013**

## **VIII. Other Matters**

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Adjourn**

A motion was cast and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

  
Ben Tiller, Secretary