

Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Community Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Town Commission Chamber, 535 Park Avenue

The Community Redevelopment Agency Board met on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chair Desca DuBois, Vice-Chair Patricia Osterman, Board Members Kendall Rumsey, Steven Hockman, Jeanine Longtin, Christiane Francois, Gladys Bryant, Executive Director Maria Davis, and Agency Clerk Vivian Lemley.

Chair DuBois led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Agency Clerk Vivian Lemley performed the Roll Call.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

None.

Motion: A motion was made by Board Member Francois to approve the agenda; Board Member Rumsey made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Board Member Steven Hockman	X		
Board Member Christiane Francois	X		
Board Member Jeanine Longtin	X		
Board Member Kendall Rumsey	X		
Board Member Gladys Bryant	X		
Vice-Chair Patricia Osterman	X		
Chair Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 7-0

Consent Agenda

1. **CRA Board Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2010**
2. **CRA Board Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2010**

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Board Member Rumsey to approve the Consent Agenda; Board Member Hockman made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Board Member Steven Hockman	X		
Board Member Christiane Francois	X		
Board Member Jeanine Longtin	X		
Board Member Kendall Rumsey	X		
Board Member Gladys Bryant	X		
Vice-Chair Patricia Osterman	X		
Chair Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 7-0

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

Business Loan in the Amount of \$10,000 to Giuseppe Cianflone and Alex Urretia for the Construction of a Café Restaurant at 850 Park Avenue

Town Manager Davis explained that Mr. Cianflone had signed a contract with the owner of 850 Park Avenue to open up a café. She stated that she had met with Mr. Cianflone a couple of times and she was very excited about what he is bringing to the table as far as his talent. She stated that he was a chef who has been in the restaurant business for 30 years and has cooked across Europe. Mr. Giuseppe has been in the states for awhile. She stated that he was asking for a loan of \$10,000 to assist with furniture, fixtures, and equipment and to also complement the funds that he was putting into his business to build it out. He and his partner were doing the build out together and were asking for assistance from the Board.

Mr. Giuseppe gave a brief background of his credentials and history as a chef. He explained his reasons for why he wanted to open the café at 850 Park Avenue. He explained what type of café it would be and the types of foods that would be served.

Board Member Rumsey stated on the record that one of Mr. Giuseppe's partners owns a restaurant at Downtown at the Gardens where he is employed. He's never met Mr. Giuseppe before that night.

Board Member Longtin asked if Mr. Giuseppe was serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Mr. Giuseppe explained that he would be serving breakfast, lunch and tapas for dinner. He stated that he could not serve a full dinner because his kitchen would be too small.

Board Member Longtin explained that the loan would be for a \$10,000 loan for 5 years at 2% secured by the furniture, fixtures and equipment of the restaurant. She stated that in the little research she has done on Mr. Giuseppe, she thinks that his restaurant would be good for the Town.

Executive Director Davis commended Mr. Batho, the property owner, for working with economic development in mind. She thanked him and stated that she appreciated him very much.

Mr. Giuseppe explained the kind of restaurant the café would be and what type of foods would be served.

Board Member Francois stated that she reviewed Mr. Giuseppe's references and they were very good. She stated that she thought he had a very good chance of making it.

Public Comment Open.

None

Public Comment Closed.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Osterman to approve the Business Loan in the Amount of \$10,000 to Guiseppe Cianflone and Alex Urretia for the construction of a Café Restaurant at 850 Park Avenue; Board Member Francois made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Board Member Steven Hockman	X		
Board Member Christiane Francois	X		
Board Member Jeanine Longtin	X		
Board Member Kendall Rumsey	X		
Board Member Gladys Bryant	X		
Vice-Chair Patricia Osterman	X		
Chair Desca DuBois	X		

Motion passed 7-0

Board Member Comments

Board Member Francois

None

Board Member Rumsey welcomed new Board Member Bryant and stated that he looked forward to working with her.

Board Member Longtin asked for the status of the One Park Place building.

Executive Director Davis stated that the One Park Place building was in foreclosure.

Board Member Longtin welcomed new Board Member Gladys Bryant.

Vice-Chair Osterman welcomed new Board Member Gladys Bryant. She asked Board Member Longtin if she was more comfortable with the information that was provided on the business loan application agenda item.

Board Member Longtin stated “yes” she was satisfied with the information provided and that it was a world of difference from the information received on previous business loan applications.

Board Member Hockman welcomed new Board Member Bryant. He stated that he looked forward to visiting Mr. Giuseppe’s new café.

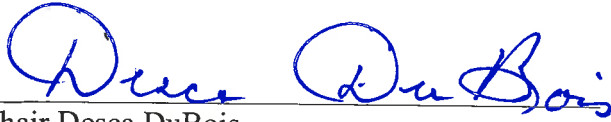
Board Member Bryant thanked the Board for welcoming her. She stated that she was looking forward to working with the Board. She welcomed Mr. Giuseppe to Park Avenue and stated that he would be an asset to the Town.

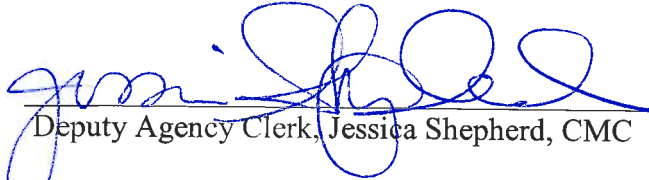
Chair DuBois also welcomed new Board Member Bryant. She expressed her excitement about Mr. Giuseppe’s new café.

Executive Director Davis also welcomed new Board Member Bryant. She wished the Town’s Jewish residents a “Happy Hanukah”. She stated that permit applications were submitted that day for the awning project. She announced the Town’s Holiday Tree Lighting which would take place on Friday December 3rd and will begin at 6 p.m. and last until 7:30 p.m. Santa will be in attendance and the Lake Park Elementary Choir would be singing. She stated that on a negative note she wanted to announce to the Board and the community that the Town’s printer was not able to print the Town’s newsletter which announced the Holiday Tree Lighting and the Holiday Boat Parade. She stated that staff had the information in on time but that the printer “dropped the ball” and she hoped that enough residents were listening to hear the announcements of those events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and after a motion to adjourn by Board Member Rumsey and seconded by Vice-Chair Osterman, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Chair Desca DuBois


Deputy Agency Clerk, Jessica Shepherd, CMC



Approved on this 15 of December, 2010