

Downtown Action Plan Advisory Committee (DAPAC)
Meeting 17 Minutes
Friday, March 11, 2016 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
North Miami Police Department Community Center

	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
1	Jason James Chair	X		
2	Fred Stock Vice Chair			X
3	Lynda Westin	X		
4	Suzanne Isa	X		
5	Alexis Sanfield		X	
6	Max Wolfe Sturman	X		
7	Alexandra Barbot			X
8	Mayor John Stembridge		X	
9	Stuart Grant	X		
10	Clark Reynolds	X		

1. Call to Order

- Welcome message and opening remarks by Jason James at 1:38pm.

2. Roll Call

- Ms. Brittini Duria, Board Secretary

3. Approval of Minutes

- *Motioned* by Clark Reynolds
- *Seconded* by Max Sturman

4. Discussion Items

- **Update on the Green Trails by Gregory Netto, Public Works Assistant Director**
 - i. John O'Brien stated that the City received an FDOT grant for the green trails for \$1.4 million with a \$400,000 matching.
 - ii. The Chair asked if money needed to be allocated and Mr. O'Brien stated not as of yet, they would work with the CRA and verify any flooding issues.
 - Also questioned when we would have a scope, which was replied with the next couple of months. Mr. Sturman requested that the committee would like to see a written schedule of the project.
 - iii. Mr. O'Brien stated we received another FDOT grant for 125th Street to include bulbouts, trees, improved lighting, sidewalk planters and crosswalks.

- iv. Ms. Westin asked what was the chosen species for street trees, Mr. O'Brien stated it was a work-in-progress. There would be a limit of trees size and location but big trees would be placed along the sidewalks.
- v. Ms. Wilson-Sejour requested the update on the Dixie Trail.
- vi. Greg Netto stated that the project was still in the conceptual stage with renderings. A designer and contractor partnership was already established and that he would be more involved during the construction stage. The recommendation was design to build and then there would be a pre-bid meeting.
 - Mr. Grant stated that design-to-build would be better for controlling cost but not development
 - The Chair motioned that Kent Walia, Sustainability Administrator and Alberto Destrade, Interim Purchasing Director, be present at the next meeting as well as Rasha Soray-Cameau, CRA, to get a good scope. Max Sturman seconded.
- **Update on the Griffing Park Amphitheater by Derrick Corker, Parks & Recreation Director**
 - i. Derrick Corker stated that the City applied for the \$200,000 FRDAP grant twice, which requires a match-up of equal amount.
 - ii. The amphitheater would happen in two phases and seat from 300-450 people.
 - iii. The intent is to design an urban step terrace so no chairs and a half cover while keeping the green space and becoming an extension of the downtown.
 - iv. Mr. Corker mentioned that the space would create other activity opportunities such as food and wine tasting, culinary for the youth and events similar to those at the MOCA plaza.
 - v. The intent is walkability and bike shelters are a probability.
 - vi. Sara McDevitt mentioned that shade is needed in the area and if the amphitheater can hold so many people, where could they park since parking is already an issue in that area.
 - vii. Mr. Corker said that by May 1, 2016, a legislative decision would be made for the grant and a scope would then be created. By July 1, 2017, funds would be available.
 - viii. Ilyana Albarra asked if there was going to be change in the paved area of the center, drainage improvements and more recreation including the canal. Mr. Corker replied that there has been talk of renovations for the center but the use of canals may mean more recreation but it would also mean more liability. For such improvements, a private enterprise may need to get involved.
 - A sub-committee may need to be created. Councilwoman Keys suggested the use or joining of the Parks & Recreation Board for ideas and discussion.
- **Sub-committee update on NE 125 Street Liberty Park Gardens**
 - i. The sub-committee researched the property and has no historical significance.
 - ii. Ms. Isa presented the sub-committee's idea boards and explained to the rest of the committee that we need to find a focal point and elaborate on the design based on that.
 - iii. Councilwoman Keys mentioned that there was a possibility for \$10-20 thousand funding for Art in Public Places and is willing to give it to the Committee to incorporate.
 - iv. The Chair recommended that the name be changed.
 - v. Mr. O'Brien stated that there is a 90% chance that a bus shelter needs to be placed in front of the park.
 - Mr. Sturman and Ms. Isa suggested that the bus shelter be brought into the design of the park in a unique manner.

vi. *The Chair requested that staff begin working on the RFQ.*

5. Closing Remarks

- **Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.**
 - i. *Motioned by Jason James*
 - ii. *Seconded by Max Sturman*

6. Next Scheduled Meeting: April 8, 2016 at 1:30 pm. DAPAC Meeting 18 (Location: Police Dept. Community Center).

- *Brittini Duria will send an outlook invitation to all members and staff.*

Staff Attended:

*Tanya Wilson-Sejour, Planning Manager
Sam Blatt, Economic Development Manager
Brittini Duria, Senior Planning Technician
Councilwoman Carol Keys
Carolina Matamoros, Councilwoman Keys' Constituent
John O'Brien, Transportation Planner
Gregory Netto, Public Works Assistant Director
Derrick Corker, Parks & Recreation Director*

Public Attended:

*Ilyana Albarra, South NoMi Central Neighborhood Association
Sara McDevitt, Resident
Howard Willingham, Business Owner*

Minutes prepared by: Brittini Duria

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