

Downtown Action Plan Advisory Committee (DAPAC)

Meeting 20 Minutes

Friday, September 16, 2016 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

North Miami City Hall Council Chambers

	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.

2. Roll Call

- Ms. Katrina Lunan-Gordon, Acting Board Secretary

3. Approval of Minutes

- May 13 Meeting - Motioned by: Max Wolfe Sturman, Seconded by: Stuart Grant.

4. Discussion Items

- **Proposal for NE 125th Street Liberty Park Gardens with Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. (Consultant)**
 - Presentation by Alberto Destrade, Purchasing Director
 - i. Proposal and construction document
 - ii. Work with the DAPAC and stakeholders
 - iii. Develop the final scope/criteria within the budgetary constraint of \$25,000
 - Mr. Sturman mentioned the artistic aspect being implemented in the bus station in front of the park.
 - The Chair suggested inserting task durations into the scope.
 - Chef Dominique, of KC's restaurant, mentioned that he was looking into being relocated at Liberty Gardens Park and being able to use the park as an active park (not passive) for temporary pop-up events (exclusively).
 - Howard Willingham, owner of the west building, stated that he was willing to work with the City to create an area for what it is worth. He spoke about his concerns on how difficult it is to open a restaurant/café and lack of foot traffic.
 - Paula, a business owner, stated her concerns of pedestrian safety and asked about more trees. Ms. Sejour replied and mentioned that there is a street tree management plan and to speak with John O'Brien.

- **Presentation on the branding and marketing initiative through Redevelopment Management Association (RMA) by Sharon West McCormick, Director of Business Attraction & Marketing**
 - *Get more information to the business owners through Economic Development.*
 - *Put the research within the City newsletter.*
 - *The Committee asked questions and examples of how we are able to enhance the NoMi Downtown.*
 - *Requested that Mr. Blatt find available spaces within the Downtown to let people know about businesses.*
 - i. *Need a list of potential businesses to sell our City so they can become part of it.*

5. Closing Remarks

- *Add marketing data from RMA to the City newsletter*
- *Update on the SoLe Mia project, request for future meeting.*
- *Transit station update request.*
- **Meeting adjourned at 3:21 pm.**
- *Motioned by Clark Reynolds, Seconded by Max Wolfe Sturman.*

6. Next Scheduled Meeting: October 14, 2016 at 1:30 pm. DAPAC Meeting 21 (Location: Police Department Community Room).

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

Staff Attended:

Tanya Wilson-Sejour, Planning Zoning & Development Director

Katrina Lunan-Gordon, Planning Technician

Sam Blatt, Economic Development Manager

Rasha Soray-Cameau, CRA Director

Minutes prepared by: Brittini Duria

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