

Downtown Action Plan Advisory Committee (DAPAC)
Meeting 33 minutes
Friday, September 14, 2018 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
North Miami Police Department Community Room

	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
1	Jason James Chair	X		
2	Rebecca Pelham Vice-Chair	X		
3	Max Wolfe Sturman	X		
4	Stuart Grant	X		
5	Michael Resnick	X		
6	Ismare Monreal	X		
7	Dave Burney	X		
8	Michael McDearmaid	X		
9	Renald Fils-Aime	X		
10	Adriana Martinez	X		
11	Sam Jean			X
12	Sara McDevitt	X		
13	Estomene Dorcely	X		
14	Kevin Arietta	X		
15	Paula Villegas	X		
16	Shereen Yee Fong Non-voting	X		

1. Call to Order

- Opening remarks by Jason James, *Chair*, at 1:41 pm.

2. Roll Call

- Whitney Taylor, *Board Secretary*

3. Approval of Minutes

- July 13, 2018

4. Special Presentations

- **Special Presentation by Laura Hill on Wild Orchid Market and Music, at 1:45 pm.**
 - Laura Hill discussed the vision for the business and what she hopes it would bring to the City of North Miami as well as local schools for holiday events. It was brought to the committee's attention that this business would demonstrate the importance of community development as it would reconstruct an older area into a new one. She also discussed the importance of upcycling. Upcycling will be utilized within the event as different necessities would be plant-based and would dissolve instead of polluting the environment.

This market would serve as an incubator for different small businesses which would bring more businesses and a diversity of demographics to the area.

- *Sam Blatt questioned how parking would be structured and Laura mentioned that there would be shared parking. Laura and her team has not broadcasted this event due to electrical problems in the area but will send out the necessary information to Sam (updates, dates, ribbon cutting, etc.)*
- *Motion made at 2:13 by Michael McDearmaid to give DAPAC's support to the Wild Orchid through promotion on DAPAC's webpage as well general support and services as needed, Dave Burney seconded; Motion passed, 14-0*
- ***Special Presentation by John O'Brien, Transportation Manager (North Miami),***
 - *John O'Brien shared updates on the NE 125 St Downtown Streetscape Improvements. He mentioned that the project would entail adding more trees and making sidewalks wider, but that this would also result in a reduction of on-street parking on NE 125 Street.*
 - *FDOT acknowledged that different places have different needs and opportunities. The City's proposed FY18-19 budget has \$500,000 for this project and FDOT was able to match with a grant of \$730,000 that Mr. O'Brien had applied for.*
 - *Paula Villegas voiced her concern with less parking for customers. She asked if there was a way for the City to mitigate the loss of parking while still going through with the project. Mr. O'Brien acknowledged that the City would be taking parking into consideration on a bigger scale, and Chairman James echoed this sentiment.*
 - *2:45 pm, Motion made by Max Sturman to provide a memo to North Miami City Management supporting the inclusion of the \$500,000 City match in the FY18-19 budget, second by Michael McDearmaid ; Motion passed, 13-1.*

5. Discussion Items

- ***Update on Irons Manor Fountain & Liberty Gardens Park by Sam Blatt, City of North Miami Economic Development Manager***
 - *Sam Blatt stated that Irons Manor Fountain was approved for funding and work to begin, but that Liberty Gardens Park was continued until the next CRA Board meeting*
 - *After the quotes received for the project were higher than expected, Vice Mayor Keys had reservations about approving the Liberty Gardens Park project at the September CRA Board Meeting*
 - *Michael McDearmaid offered to set up a meeting with Vice Mayor Keys*
- ***Update on DAPAC webpage, Sam Blatt, City of North Miami Economic Development Manager***
 - *Sam Blatt stated that most individuals had been added to the DAPAC webpage, and that he would share the link to the page with the members after the meeting*
- ***Update on 2019 Budget***
 - *Sam Blatt stated the final budget hearing and approval would be the following Monday, September 17th in the City Council Chamber*

6. Sub-Committee Reports

- ***Annual Report Sub-committee, Dave Burney***
 - *Dave Burney presented the final draft of the 2017-2018 Annual Report to the Committee and stated final printing would be occurring before the October DAPAC meeting*
 - *DAPAC members offered positive feedback, and Chairman James stated he looked forward to the finished product*
 - *DAPAC members discussed including 'inserts' in the Annual Report and having updates/project details printed periodically to show progress and updates in addition to yearly reports*
 - *A motion was made by Michael McDearmaid to direct staff to begin working on inserts to put in the DAPAC Annual Report, second by Chairman James, Motion passed, 14-0.*
- ***NoMi Local Sub-committee, Rebecca Pelham, Vice Chair 3:06 pm***

- Vice Chair Rebecca Pelham stated that because there is already a farmers market happening with The Wild Orchid as well as the Jazz at Moca happy hour, she would retool the committee to focus on alleyway activation behind NE 125 Street
- Adriana Martinez shared details on the Happy Hour activation before Jazz at Moca on the last Friday of every month. This could create an opener to the Wild Orchid event on Saturdays and help kick off the events. Adriana Martinez will send information and flyer to Sam Blatt to distribute
- Vice Chair Pelham received positive feedback on working on alleyway activation and received interest from Dave Burney, Kevin Arietta, and Sam Blatt on joining a taskforce/sub-committee to work on the project

7. Closing Remarks

- Kevin Arrieta stated his business needs a space in North Miami to work without being charged. He will consult with Paula Villegas and to try to work out a good location
- Sara McDevitt urged the DAPAC to support the Transit Station at NE 123rd Street as opposed to NE 151 Street, and Sam Blatt stated that a master plan was being finalized now.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, October 12th (Location: Police Department Community Room).

Staff Attended:

Sam Blatt, Economic Development Manager

Minutes prepared by: Whitney Taylor

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