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MEETING NOTICE

WELCOME! We are very glad you have joined us for today's meeting. If you are not on the agenda and would like to speak at the meeting and address the Board, please fill out an appearance form and hand it to the Board Secretary. When you are recognized, state your full name, address, and speak directly into the microphone. The Board is pleased to hear relevant comments; however a 5-minute limit is set by City Code. Large groups are asked to name a spokesperson. Robert's Rules of Order governs the conduct of the meeting.

A meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board will be held Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m., at 734 Short Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32805.

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - Approval of October 31, 2018
4. Public Comment
5. New Business
 - a. Downtown Façade and Building Stabilization Program Amendment – Kimberley Allonce, Economic Development Coordinator III
6. Date of Next Meeting – January 23, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Sustainability Conference Room, Second Floor.
7. Adjournment

Persons wishing to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board meeting, will need a record of the proceedings; for this purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office 24 hours in advance of the meeting at 407-246-2251

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wendy Connor, Chair
Bill Lambert Vice Chair
Jamie Barati
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Commissioner Victoria Siplin

FROM: Thomas C. Chatmon Jr., Executive Director of the Downtown Development Board/Community Redevelopment Agency

DATE: November 28, 2018

SUBJECT: Agenda items to be considered at the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting for Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

Approval of Minutes:

Staff will be available to answer any questions prior to Board consideration of approving the minutes of the October 31, 2018 Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting.

Public Comment:

New Business:

- a. **Downtown Façade and Building Stabilization Program Amendment – Kimberley Allonce, Economic Development Coordinator III** - The Downtown Façade & Building Stabilization Program (DFBSP) was created in 2008 by the Community Redevelopment Agency to “encourage reuse of vacant or underutilized properties, improve appearance, and support the long-term viability of downtown Orlando”. DFBSP currently provides grants valued between \$5,000 and \$40,000 for improvements to single family and duplex residential and commercial buildings made within the Downtown Orlando CRA. To date, DFBSP has awarded funding to more than 30 properties/businesses for a total amount of \$677,851. The current program guidelines were last updated in July 2015. The eligible funding amounts have not increased since the inception of the program in 2008 and no funds have been awarded to single-family and duplex residential buildings.

The proposed changes to the current program guidelines are as follows:

- a. Change the name of the program to Downtown Commercial and Residential Building Improvement Program
- b. Increase funding amounts. Properties will be eligible to receive between \$15,000 and \$140,000 depending on building type and location within the CRA

c. Commercial Buildings

- i. Buildings located within the *North Quarter, Eola, and Central Business District* Planning Areas of the CRA shall be eligible for funding for stabilization improvements or a combination of stabilization and façade improvements up to \$100,000 or 50% of the total cost of façade improvements, whichever is less. Buildings that only propose façade improvements shall be eligible for funding for up to \$80,000 or 50% of the total of façade improvements, whichever is less
- ii. Buildings located within the Parramore Heritage Planning Area of the CRA shall be eligible \$140,000 or 50% of the total cost of improvements whichever is less. Buildings that only propose façade improvements shall be eligible for funding for up to \$100,000 or 50% of the total of façade improvements, whichever is less

d. Residential Buildings

- i. Single-family and Duplex Residential Buildings located within the North Quarter, Eola, and Central Business District Planning Areas of the CRA shall be eligible for façade improvements up to \$15,000 or 50%, of the total cost of façade improvements, whichever is less
- ii. Buildings located within the Parramore Heritage Planning Area of the CRA shall be eligible for funding for stabilization improvements or a combination of stabilization and façade improvements up to \$30,000 or 50% of the total cost of improvements, whichever is less. Buildings that only propose façade improvements shall be eligible for funding up to \$15,000 or 50% of the cost of façade improvements, whichever is less
- iii. Owner-occupied residential buildings may receive an additional \$2,500 in grant funding
- iv. Residential properties may receive only one (1) grant every five years

e. Other Changes

- i. A Property owner or tenant undertaking a major rehabilitation or restoration, as determined by the Historic Preservation Officer, of an Orlando Historic Landmark, contributing property located within a local historic district or on the National Register of Historic Places, or an eligible historic resource may receive an additional \$1,500 for a residential property and \$10,000 for a commercial property
- ii. Murals and Interior Life Safety Improvements such as fire walls, sprinklers, egress, fire alarm, exit signs, and automatic lights will now be eligible improvements
- iii. Recipients of the Downtown Commercial and Residential Building Improvement Program (DCRBIP) assistance may also apply for the Small Business Façade, Site Improvement and Adaptive Reuse Program (FSARP). Applicants may qualify for the maximum funding allowed under each program. The program coordinators will work closely to ensure that there is no overlap between the proposed improvements. Minority/Women Entrepreneur Business Assistance Program (MEBA) applicants may also apply for DCRBIP assistance
- iv. Minor grammatical and typographical changes were made

The Downtown Façade Grant Review Committee convened on November 21, 2018 and made a recommendation to approve the proposed changes to the Downtown Façade and Building Stabilization Program (DFBSP).

Staff is requesting that the CRA Advisory Board recommend approval of the Downtown Façade and Building Stabilization (DFBSP) Program Amendment to the CRA, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney's Office.

Date of Next Meeting: The next CRA Advisory Board meeting will be held January 23, 2019 at 3:00 pm in Sustainability Conference Room, Second Floor.

Adjournment