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MEETING NOTICE

Orlando City Hall, Veterans Conference Room, 2nd Floor at 3:00PM

Welcome,

We are glad you have joined us for the March 22, 2023 Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board 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 request form and hand it to the Board Secretary. The Board is pleased to hear all non-repetitive public comment. Large groups are requested to name a spokesperson. When you are recognized, state your name and address, direct all your remarks to the Board and limit your comments to 3 minutes per item or as set during the meeting.

Written public comment must include your name, address, phone number, and topic. Comments are limited to a maximum of 700 words per item. To submit written public comment, select one of the following options: (1) complete an online comment form on orlando.gov/publiccomments, (2) email to publiccomments@orlando.gov, (3) mail to City Clerk, Public Comment 400 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL, 32801, or (4) drop off to the 1st floor Security Station at City Hall. Written public comments received 24 hours in advance of the meeting are distributed to the Board and attached to the related agenda item for public viewing.

Note: Comments that do not include the required information will not be distributed or attached to the agenda. All comments received are public record.

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 22, 2023 – CRA Advisory Board Meeting
4. Public Comment
5. New Business
 - a. MEBA: Flamingos Café, Michael Whiteman, Economic Development Coordinator
6. Date of Next Meeting
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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jamie Barati, Chair
Monica McCown, Vice Chair
Eugene Jones
Kimberly Stewart
Rachel Moalli
Doug Taylor
Commissioner Emily Bonilla

FROM: David Barilla, Acting Executive Director of the Downtown Development Board/Community Redevelopment Agency

DATE: March 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Agenda items to be considered at the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting for Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

Approval of Minutes:

Staff will be available to answer any questions prior to Board consideration of approving the minutes of the February 22, 2023 Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting

Public Comment:**New Business:****a. MEBA: Flamingo's Café, Michael Whiteman, Economic Development Coordinator**

The Minority/Women Business Assistance (MEBA) Program was approved by the CRA on August 28, 2006 and assists with small business retention and creation in the MEBA target area as defined within the Downtown Orlando Community Redevelopment Area. The MEBA Program provides financial assistance of up to \$40,000.00 to qualified new and existing retail and service businesses for retention/relocation expenses, purchase of capital equipment, marketing services, and business start-up expenses.

Flamingo's Coffee Shop's owner, Irena Simikc, has applied for MEBA Program funding in the amount of \$39,823 for interior remodeling and capital equipment. The business, which was founded in 2007, offers a variety of food and beverage options to the area's workforce and residents, as well as visitors to the area attending events at the Amway Arena and Exploria Stadium. Located at 595 West Church Street, Suite D, at the base of the Parramore neighborhood's City View building, Flamingo's Coffee Shop is run by owner Irena Simikc, along with family members that have extensive expertise in hotel and restaurant management. The MEBA Advisory Board recommended approval of funding in the amount of \$39,805 for use towards interior remodeling and capital equipment, including a POS system, at its meeting on March 13th, 2023.

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Staff is requesting that the CRA Advisory Board recommend approval of the MEBA Funding Agreement, Continuing Guaranty, and Security Agreement between the CRA and Flamingo's Coffee Shop and authorization for the Chairman and Executive Director of the CRA to execute the Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney's Office.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 3:00PM in the Veterans Conference Room.

Adjournment

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