

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**February 18, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

**Dryades YMCA
2220 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was called with Commissioners Connor, Lee, Major, Mayfield, Vien, Singleton and Smith present. Commissioner Brown was absent.

3. Introduction of Guests

The guests were introduced. The guest list is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

4. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Smith

Second: Major

Motion Carried.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 17, 2009

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 17, 2009: Vien

Second: Major

Motion Carried.

6. Committee Reports

a. Marketing Committee Report – Irvin Mayfield

Commissioner Mayfield gave the marketing committee report. The Marketing Committee continues to develop plans for NORA's Board Retreat which is tentatively scheduled for the first week in April.

b. Land Assembly and Disposition Committee Report – Karl Connor

Commissioner Connor introduced Director of Real Estate Strategy, Ommeed Sathe, who together with his staff updated the Board on the status of previously authorized projects, including: OC Haley, VA Periphery, Pontchartrain Park, Gentilly Woods, Lake Carmel-NO East, Alternative Housing Pilot Program (AHPP -Louisiana Cottages), Storm Water Mitigation and the Louisiana Land Trust properties.. The substance of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Exhibit B. Ommeed Sathe reviewed with Board Members the \$29.7 million NSP2 grant NORA received as well as the proposed funding allocation between NORA and the NSP2 Consortium members. Materials presented to the Board are attached as Exhibit "C". Joyce Wilkerson highlighted for the Board that NORA would retain the entire administrative

funding portion of the grant and solicit for vendors to provide services NORA can not provide with staff. Commissioner Smith commented that he wanted staff to ensure the quality of construction and the durability of the AHPP homes. Donald Vallee of the Louisiana Land Trust offered that he attended a recent meeting where new standards had been developed for the abatement process which may cause delays for demolitions. John McKnight commented that the Gert Town area is always left out of redevelopment programs and his association is not contacted about meetings. Commissioner Connor told Mr. McKnight that he can always contact NORA staff to meet about development plans, but that HUD determines target areas and determines eligibility of programs.

i. Resolutions NSP2 Program

a. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director, Joyce S. Wilkerson to Execute NSP2 Grant Agreement

Motion to approve resolution authorizing Executive Director Joyce S. Wilkerson to execute \$27.9 million NSP2 Grant Agreement with Department of Housing and Urban Development: Connor
Seconded: Major
Motion Carried.

b. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director, Joyce S. Wilkerson, to Negotiate and Execute Agreements with NSP2 Grant Sub-recipients

Motion to approve resolution authorizing Executive Director Joyce S. Wilkerson to negotiate and execute agreements with NSP2 Grant sub-recipients: Connor
Seconded: Major
Motion Carried.

ii. Project Related Resolutions

a. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director Joyce S. Wilkerson to Negotiate and Execute Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Recovery Authority relative to Alternative Housing Pilot Program (AHPP)

Motion to approve resolution authorizing Executive Director Joyce S. Wilkerson to negotiate and execute Cooperation Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Recovery Authority for Alternative Housing Pilot Program (AHPP – Katrina Collateg) Connor
Seconded: Mayfield
Motion Carried.

b. Resolution Approving and Adopting Proposed “Near Miss” Program Policies and Procedures

Motion to approve resolution approving and adopting proposed “Near Miss” program policies and procedures: Connor
Seconded: Vien
Motion Carried

c. Resolution to Amend Existing CEA and Receive Grant Funds from State of Louisiana Office of Community Development for the Rehabilitation of Vacant Properties in Neighborhoods Damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita and for Associated Project Delivery Costs

Motion to approve the Resolution to Amend Existing CEA and Receive Grant Funds from State of Louisiana Office of Community Development for the Rehabilitation through PRC of Vacant Properties in Neighborhoods Damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita and for Associate Project Delivery Costs:

Connor

Seconded: Lee

Motion Carried.

d. Resolution Ratifying Execution of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement with the City of New Orleans and Authorizing Executive Director, Joyce S. Wilkerson, to Engage in Additional Negotiations and Contractual Agreements

Motion to approve resolution ratifying execution of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program agreement with the City of New Orleans and authorizing Executive Director Joyce Wilkerson to engage in additional negotiations and contractual agreements: Connor

Seconded: Mayfield

Motion Carried.

iii. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director, Joyce S. Wilkerson, to Negotiate and Execute Agreements for Auctioneering Services

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Executive Director Joyce S. Wilkerson to negotiate and executive agreements for auctioneering services: Connor

Seconded: Mayfield

Motion Carried.

iv. Resolution Authoring Contractual Negotiation with Trumpet, LLC, to provide Communications Services, Website and Graphic Design

Motion to approve resolution authorizing contractual negotiations with Trumpet, LLC to provide communications services, website and graphic design: Connor

Seconded: Major

Motion Carried.

c. Finance Committee Report– Ellen Lee

Committee Chairperson Lee introduced Director of Finance, Charmaine Davis to present the Committee Report. Director Davis reviewed the 2010 Budget Summary and the October and November 2009 financial statements (attached as Exhibit “d”) and status of reimbursement payments from the City of New Orleans.

Executive Director Joyce Wilkerson commented that NORA had met with the City of New Orleans executive staff to discuss reimbursements and they assured her they would be working on preparing reimbursement payments to NORA.

i. 2010 Budget Summary

ii. Approval of October and November, 2009 Financial Statements

Motion to approve the October and November 2009 Financial Statements:

Lee

Seconded: Smith

Motion Carried.

iii. Resolution Authorizing the Approval of 2010 Budget Amendments

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the approval of 2010 budget amendments: Lee

Seconded: Major

Motion Carried

iv. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director, Joyce S. Wilkerson, to Negotiate and Execute All Agreements and Director of Real Estate Strategy, Ommeed Sathe, to Negotiate and Execute Agreements Related to Transfer of Louisiana Land Trust Properties and Approved Programs in Enumerated Circumstances

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing Executive Director, Joyce Wilkerson to negotiate and execute all agreements and Director of Real Estate Strategy, Ommeed Sathe, to negotiate and execute agreements related to transfer of Louisiana Land Trust properties and approved programs in enumerated circumstances: Lee

Seconded: Vien

Motion Carried.

v. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director, Joyce S. Wilkerson, to Act as Signatory on Bank Accounts and Credit Cards

Motion to approve resolution authorizing Executive Director, Joyce S. Wilkerson to act as signatory on bank accounts and credit cards: Lee

Seconded: Mayfield

Motion Carried.

vi. Approval to Engage a Finance Consultant to review NORA Systems and Procedures

Motion to approve engaging a finance consultant to review NORA systems and procedures: Lee

Seconded: Smith

Motion Carried

vii. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director, Joyce S. Wilkerson, to Negotiate and Execute Master Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the City of New Orleans

Executive Director Wilkerson commented that there are minor changes in the scope of work, but the dollar value of the contract remains the same. She mentioned the anticipated signing would be within the next few weeks. Motion to approve resolution authorizing Executive Director, Joyce S. Wilkerson, to negotiate and execute Master Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans: Lee
Seconded: Mayfield
Motion Carried

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business - None

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Wilkerson reported on the Master CEA and the Louisiana Land Trust CEA. She discussed the Request for Proposals (RFP) advertised for a management systems and process review consultant to create and implement an improvement plan for the Agency. Chairman Singleton asked for the qualifications NORA was requesting in the RFP. ED Wilkerson replied that NORA was seeking expertise in CDBG, redevelopment, information technology and financial systems.

ED Wilkerson also requested the board approve a resolution thanking Richard Monteilh for his work as Interim Executive Director. She read the resolution to the Board.

Motion to approve the resolution commending and thanking Richard Monteilh for two years of outstanding service to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority and have the resolution printed and framed for Richard: Mayfield

Seconded: Major

Motion Carried

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Singleton complimented staff on the good work that they are doing and that it was shown by the confidence the federal government showed by awarding the NSP2 grant award.

11. Public Comment

Rita LaGrange commented on the possible appointment of Donald Vallee to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority Board.

Ricardo Riviara commented on the redevelopment process and complimented staff.

Steve Donahue recommended NORA contact Carol Carolina at Louisiana Land Trust to discuss Ira Peppercorn who assisted them in their policy/process system and that NORA send him a copy of the Request for Proposal.

John McKnight asked that his neighborhood association be contacted for meetings and NORA programs.

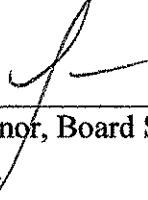
12. Executive Session - None

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.: Major

Seconded: Connor

Motion Carried.



Karl Connor, Board Secretary

4-12-2010
Date