Office of Economic Development



Downtown Development Review Board (DDRB)

<u>City Hall, 117 West Duval Street</u> <u>Lynwood Roberts Room</u>

Thursday, October 2, 2014 – 2:00 PM

Members:		Ex-Officio and Staff Distribution:	
Rafael Caldera, Chairman		Bill Joyce, PW Chief Engineering & Construction	
Craig Davisson, Vice-Chair		Richard Ball, PW, Traffic Operations Division	
Wiatt Bowers, Secretary		Jim Love, Member of Council, District 14	
Logan Rink, Board Member		Scott Shine, Jacksonville Waterways Commission	
Carol Worsham, Board Member		Vickie Drake, Ex-Officio Member	
Roland Udenze, Board Member		Terry Lorince, Ex-Officio Member	
Frederick Jones, Board Member		William Lyle, Ex-Officio Member	
Greg Bruce, Board Member		Joel McEachin, Ex-Officio Member	
		Michael Sands, Ex-Officio Member	
Ex-Officio and Staff Distribution:		J. Keith Brown, JTA Representative	
Ted Carter, OED Executive Director/CEO		Jim Bailey, DIA Representative	
Paul Crawford, OED Deputy Director		Jason Teal, Assistant General Counsel	
Alex Rudzinski, OED Director of Development		David DeCamp, Public Information Office	
Jim Klement, OED Staff Liaison		Michelle Stephens, DDRB Recording Secretary	
Aundra Wallace, DIA CEO			
I.	CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Caldera		
II.	ACTION ITEMS – Chairman Caldera		
	Approval of the September 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes		
	DDRB 2014-008, 929 East Bay Street, R	Request for Final Approval	
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III.	INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – Chairman Caldera Resolution Commending and Recognizing the Contributions of Timothy L. Miller		
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IV.	OLD BUSINESS – Chairman Caldera		
V.	NEW BUSINESS – Chairman Caldera		
VI.	PUBLIC COMMENTS – Chairman Caldera		
VII.	ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Caldera		
		Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.	
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Downtown Investment Authority



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MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Chairman R. Caldera, C. Davisson, W. Bowers, L. Rink, C. Worsham, R. Udenze, F. Jones and G. Bruce

Board Members Not Present: None

OED/DIA Staff Present: Jim Klement, Staff Liaison; Guy Parola, Redevelopment Manager; and Karen Underwood, Recording Secretary

Representing Office of City Council: None

Representing Office of General Counsel: Jason Teal

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was confirmed and Chairman Caldera called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. He introduced Greg Bruce, DDRB Board Member.

Chairman Caldera asked anyone wishing to speak on a particular project to complete a public speaker card and reminded Board members to disclose ex-parte communication with any of the applicants presenting projects today or conflicts of interest prior to the item being addressed by the Board.

II. ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 DDRB MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER C. WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER F. JONES APPROVING THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 DDRB MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0-0.

DDRB 2014-008, 929 EAST BAY STREET, REQUEST FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FINAL APPROVAL FOR DEVIATIONS FROM SEC. 656.361.16. OFF-STREET PARKING OVERLAY AND SEC 656.361.17 SURFACE PARKING TRASH, STORAGE, AND LOADING AREA SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS GRANTED SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 DDRB MEETING.

Mr. Klement reviewed the project report dated October 2, 2014.

Board Member L. Rink advised that he would recuse himself from voting due to a conflict of interest (his firm is involved with the project).

Mr. Klement introduced Mr. Wyman Duggan, Esq. with Rogers Towers who provided an overview of the project. Mr. Duggan provided a brief overview of a few items that were slightly changed as a result from the input received from the board members at the last meeting.

- Added vertical bike rack to the building façade
- Small strip of landscaping taken out between the pavement and sidewalk along Lafayette Street Section
- Fencing optional to create a more pedestrian scale environment
- Added an optional 5 foot fence at the Lafayette Street Section view

Mr. Duggan introduced Mike Kleinschmit with Design Cooperative, architect for the project to provide the sample materials to the board.

The floor was open and closed for public comments (there were no comments from the public).

The following were relative comments from the Board:

- Question was asked regarding the lighting strategy of the pavilion. Mr. Kleinschmit responded that any lighting would be underneath to allow a glow. There will be specific lights along the canopy. The light color has not been decided.
- Question was raised regarding the tinting being fixed or optioned to be moved depending on the weather. Mr. Kleinschmit responded that it would be a permanent structure, not a temporary.
- Questions were asked regarding the bike racks. The bike rack is a vertical configuration.
- A question was asked regarding optional lighting and fencing of the building. Mr. Teal responded that optional meant that the board would leave it up to the applicant to decide whether or not. If the board wanted to make sure something was added then the board would have that be a condition of approval that it would be not be optional but mandatory.
- Overall the Board was pleased with the project commenting that it was a great opportunity and catalytic project for downtown.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER F. JONES AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER C. WORSHAM APPROVING FINAL APPROVAL OF DDRB APPLICATION 2014-008 INCLUDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FINAL DEVIATIONS FROM: 1) SECTION 656.361.16. OFF-STREET PARKING OVERLAY TO REDUCE THE PARKING REQUIREMENT TO 0, AND 2) SECTION 656.36117. SURFACE PARKING, TRASH, STORAGE, AND LOADING AREA SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPE DESIGN. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0-1. BOARD MEMBER L. RINK ADVISED THAT HE WOULD RECUSE HIMSELF FROM VOTING DUE TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST (HIS FIRM IS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT).

III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution commending and recognizing the contributions of Timothy L. Miller.

Mr. Timothy L. Miller thanked the board for the recognition.

Chairman Caldera commended and recognized the contributions of Chris Flagg.

IV. OLD BUSINESS None

V. NEW BUSINESS

Jason Teal suggested providing a refresher introduction to the full board regarding the Sunshine Laws due to the slow agenda and newly appointed members.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Caldera adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:33 p.m.

The next DDRB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments for this meeting, an audio CD is available upon request. Please contact Karen Underwood, Downtown Investment Authority at (904) 630-3492 or by email at <u>karenu@coj.net</u>.