



Tuesday, October 30, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Chairman D. Harris, T. Allegretti, D. Shea, J. Bailey, K. Harper, M. Bishop, O. Barakat, P. Perez, and R. Clements

Attendees: Jason Gabriel, Office of General Counsel; Paul Crawford, OED Acting ED; Jim Klement; Karen Nasrallah; Eric Lindstrom; and Michelle Stephens, Recording Secretary

Council Members Present: Jim Love, District 14; Lori Boyer, District 5; and Belinda Peoples for Clay Yarborough, District 1

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at approximately 3:13 p.m. opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2012 DIA MEETING MINUTES

The October 17, 2012 DIA MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY 9-0.

CEO SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT JOB CRITERIA & SELECTION PROCESS FOR CEO - DON SHEA

Board member Shea reported that the committee reviewed the search criteria for three searches currently being conducted for downtown directors around the country. The committee came to two conclusions for recommendation to the full DIA.

- 1). Prepare to engage a professional services consultant to give the search the oversight and detail work that it needs. Believe that the fee requirements, which are unknown at this time can be achieved in the context of the existing budget of the Office of Economic Development adding that if not, the board can reserve the right to think about it some more and perhaps go to City Council for the additional allocation.
- 2). The criteria the committee reviewed are copious; they prioritized the criteria and agreed to meet again tentatively on Monday, November 5, 2012.

He advised that at the tentative November 5, 2012 meeting, the full board can hopefully agree on criteria to submit to the full Council for review and approval per the legislation that created the DIA.

BYLAWS - JASON GABRIEL

Mr. Gabriel provided an additional brief overview of the draft Bylaws that were provided and discussed at the board's October 17, 2012 DIA meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER BISHOP AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SHEA ADOPTING THE BYLAWS OF THE DIA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0/0.

The following were relative comments from the Board:

- Question was asked regarding what happens when a board member's term expires on a particular board and a successor has not been appointed.

Mr. Gabriel replied that term limits default to Chapter 50 and hence a board member remains until someone else is selected to replace them.

- Considering the requirements of the board, asked if there was any rationale to have a position of a treasurer.

Chair Harris commented that the Bylaws do not mandate a treasurer position, adding that everything the board is going to vote on would go before the board as a whole.

- Treasurer position may overlap the responsibility of the DIA CEO's position, which would include managing the budget and items of that nature.
- Suggested waiting to see what the actual DIA budget is and operating, etc. and then assess a treasurer position.

Mr. Gabriel noted that the Bylaws as written may be amended by the board per Section 14.4 of the Bylaws.

Mr. Gabriel advised that the legislation requires that the board meet at least once every three months, noting that the board can meet more often as necessary. Currently, Section 6.0 of the Bylaws state that the "DIA shall meet on the third Wednesday of each month." Mr. Gabriel asked the board what their preference was, if they wanted to meet once a quarter per the code or add a more frequent and consistent date to the Bylaws.

Chair Harris recommended that due to the holidays the board keep the Bylaws as currently written "meet on the third Wednesday of each month," noting that adjustments can be made as the board moves forward. He added that after the first of the year they would go back to the second Wednesday of every month.

For clarification, Mr. Gabriel asked if the consensus was to change the Bylaws to the second Wednesday of every month. Chair Harris replied that the preference was to leave them as currently written. Mr. Gabriel replied that he will amend Section 6.1 of the Bylaws to include the language from the legislation “The board shall hold at least one regular meeting every three months, and such additional meetings as may be needed from time to time.”

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER CLEMENTS AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BISHOP ADOPTING THE BYLAWS OF THE DIA, AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE FROM THE LEGISLATION “THE BOARD SHALL HOLD AT LEAST ONE REGULAR MEETING EVERY THREE MONTHS AND SUCH ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS MAY BE NEEDED FROM TIME TO TIME.” THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0/0.

III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

CRA 101 - JASON GABRIEL

Mr. Gabriel distributed and discussed an educational memo on Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs). He commented that the legislation established the DIA as a CRA in addition to having some business investment powers. He covered four main points: 1) What is a CRA; 2) How do you create a CRA; 3) What is a CRA Plan; and 4) What are the powers being delegated. He provided a summary overview of the DIA’s role regarding CRAs. He urged the board to review the legislation under the powers and duties of the DIA as well as the Bylaws, which mirror the legislation. He suggested at a later date they will come back to the board with illustrative examples of successful CRAs in different municipalities, referencing Jacksonville Beach as one locally.

Mr. Gabriel noted that the Office of Economic Development provided the board with copies of existing CRA plans although antiquated and in severe need of updating. He commented that there are two CRA plans for downtown that have existed as amended since 1981 and 1983 (Northbank CRA and Southbank CRA) and may serve as a template for creating a new plan. He advised that one of the charges in the legislation to the DIA was to create a brand new plan for eventual council approval.

He advised that while he provided an overview today, they will continue to educate the board, and continue to be engaged in dialogue, etc., related to CRAs.

Mr. Crawford advised that the Board serves as the trustees of a bank account (the Tax Increment that is associated with the CRAs). When the CRAs were established, a base line of value was established for the entire CRA boundary and then over the years as the value of the land increased, the ad valorem that was generated by that increase has traditionally gone into an account and then been utilized to pay off projects or begin projects. The DIA will be the entity that manages that bank account that helps implement the plan that they are about to embark on. He added that the board will be the experts in the CRA and have enough background

information that their executive director can effectuate the policy decisions that the board makes. The tax increment generated by these CRAs is how the DIA will implement the plan. It is not just about planning; it is about implementation as well.

The following were relative comments from the Board:

- Asked if the two downtown CRAs and Tax Increment account for both are treated separately or as one. Mr. Crawford responded that they are separate, adding that the legislation ensured that they were separated and treated separately so that there would not be a commingling of one to cover the other or money on one side going over to implement projects on the other side. There was a distinction made between the two CRAs and as such you will want to be cognizant of that as you look at planning both sides, and what availability you will have to effectuate those plans that you develop in the funding that is generated by the ad valorem in the tax increment.
- Asked if the plan when developed will need to be reviewed by the DDRB or the Planning Commission or both. Mr. Gabriel responded that he will find out.

Mr. Gabriel added that page 19 of the Ordinance, Section 111.640, sets forth the rules governing the Redevelopment Special Revenue Fund and Downtown CRA sub funds of the DIA. He encouraged all members of the DIA to review Ordinance 2012-364-E.

REPORT ON CRA WORKSHOP - ERIC LINDSTROM

Mr. Lindstrom provided an overview of the *Accountability and Transparency in CRA Reporting Workshop* he attended in Daytona Beach, Fla., on October 24, 2012. The workshop was hosted by the Florida Redevelopment Association and covered an introduction to: special districts, district types, special district accountability and oversight, Governor's Executive Order 12-10, ordinance contents for dependent special districts, requirement(s) to register with the Department of Economic Opportunity, Special District Information Program, filing requirements for dependent special districts, deadline for submitting the annual financial report, instructions for dependent special districts, reports and information that must be filed with state agencies, auditor general reports, reports and information that must be filed with the local general-purpose government(s) in which the special district is located, website requirements, and failure to comply with the annual financial report requirement.

The following were relative comments from the Board:

- Asked if the board is required to submit an affordable housing plan. Mr. Gabriel responded that an affordable housing element will have to be integrated in some way into part of the plans that the DIA produces, and if substantially justified not to do so will have to legally justify that.
- Asked if the thought was to take the existing plan(s) and modify, revise, etc., or start from scratch. Mr. Crawford replied that it would be his perspective that there are great

bones, there is an existing CRA plan that is defined by a boundary and the slum and blight has been established since 1980. We can continue with that CRA, modifying it to bring it up to date with all of the great documents that have been done whether it be the *Downtown Master Plan*, the *Downtown Action Plan*, we have had many studies, the *IBM Smarter Studies*, but we will go ahead and take all of that information, modify the existing CRA Plan and ultimately come out with a plan that will be something that reflects the policy, the will, the vision of the DIA.

Chair Harris commented that with the importance of the CRA, suggested a CRA Committee of the DIA recommending Board member M. Bishop as Chair to lead the DIA through the process of the development of the Redevelopment Plan, noting that there is a current plan in place that will have to be retooled, suggesting that Board member Bishop could educate and lead the DIA on the subject. Chair Harris recommended Board member Paul Perez as Vice Chair of the CRA Committee of the DIA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER SHEA AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BARAKAT APPROVING BOARD MEMBER MELODY BISHOP TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE DIA CRA COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBER PAUL PEREZ AS VICE CHAIR OF THE DIA CRA COMMITTEE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0/0.

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP TRIP (CINCINNATI) - TONY ALLEGRETTI

Board member Allegretti provided an overview of the recent Jacksonville Chamber's 32nd Annual Leadership trip to Cincinnati. He noted that the redevelopment of their downtown is done entirely by an organization called 3CDC (www.3cdc.org) that he described as similar to Downtown Vision but on steroids. They are hyper funded by some major corporate private stewards of the city who all pitch in a great deal of money. The 3CDC also manages a couple of parks and recently converted Washington Park that had some issues similar to Hemming Plaza. In addition to programming, the park has world class brand new restrooms, play areas for children, and a small dog park, adding that it is not a passive park. He noted regarding programming that the park has something going on a couple of hundred days of the year doing stuff and that stuff leads to activities and activities lead to people and people lead to a better and more diverse use. He mentioned another park, Fountain Square that has more than 350 events throughout the year adding that both of these parks have spurred development all around it based on the 3CDC investment.

Board member M. Bishop referenced a similar interesting Web site, Riverfront Recapture in Hartford, Conn. - www.riverfront.org.

UPDATE ON HEMMING PLAZA - KAREN NASRALLAH

Ms. Nasrallah provided some history on Hemming Plaza, an update on current conditions, and what the city has been doing over the past year to improve conditions at the park. She noted that the park is at the front door of City Hall and in the heart of our urban core. The park continues to be a gathering spot for horrible nuisance activities. The business community has complained. The real concern is safety, noting that the goal is not to displace the homelessness, adding that it is about programming the park and making it the experience that we want it to be for everyone to enjoy and make it the crown jewel of our downtown. She noted that it is a well-known fact that parks, especially in urban settings, are extreme economic development drivers and it is important to property owners to locate next to parks.

Ms. Nasrallah advised that the Council President at the time, Council Member S. Joost, appointed an ad hoc subcommittee to study the situation at Hemming Plaza and was chaired by Council Member D. Lee. The ad hoc subcommittee met bi-monthly and studied the issue starting in January 2012 and ending with a report in March 2012. She added that Council Members B. Gulliford and D. Redman also served on the subcommittee, several city departments participated as well as members of the Chamber, Jim Bailey, Ron Littlepage, representatives from the City Rescue Mission, the Sulzbacher Center, the public library, MOCA, DVI and all businesses in the area.

Ms. Nasrallah reviewed briefly and provided a copy of the findings from a survey conducted by DVI dated March 28, 2012, adding that the first action item that the committee undertook was the survey conducted by DVI. She reviewed some of the other recommendations that came from the ad hoc subcommittee. As a result of the recommendations a Request for Information (RFI) was developed (copy provided to board members). She briefly reviewed the RFI. She advised that the Hemming Plaza ad hoc subcommittee met last week to talk about the RFI; however, due to the volume of participants from the community the floor was open for public comments and therefore the address of how the RFI was going to be used was not discussed. She advised that another meeting has not been scheduled but will keep the DIA informed as information becomes available.

Lastly, Ms. Nasrallah referenced a seven minute segment News4Jax did on Hemming Plaza and offered to forward the link. <http://www.news4jax.com/news/Channel-4-Attacked-in-Hemming-Plaza/-/475880/17187106/-/13ggtt/-/index.html>

The following were relative comments from the Board:

- Suggested that Hemming Plaza should be one of the top five priorities of the DIA over the next six to 12 months in determining a long term solution to Hemming Plaza, adding that Hemming Plaza is a significant hindrance towards the revitalization of downtown.
- Requested that DIA staff provide a monthly update on the status of Hemming Plaza in order for the DIA to help them focus and help develop a long term solution to the problem.

- Suggested that a non-governmental organization that wakes up every day focused on making Hemming Plaza an amenity is a priority.
- Asked if a DIA board member should attend the Hemming Plaza meetings or attend independently from the board.

Chair Harris concurred with the outstanding suggestions made, adding that we just have to find the funding.

FL/GA WEEKEND RECAP - ALAN VERLANDER

Mr. Verlander provided an overview of the recent FL/GA festivities, noting that the economic impact numbers are not available yet, but that the information will be provided when available. He also briefly mentioned future ideas and plans not only for FL/GA week, but to include more events that will make downtown a destination year round.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Board member Bailey made the following comments referencing the Hemming Plaza conversation.

- Need to be creating a better downtown adding that there is a lot of work to do.
- Commented that if there were a blimp flying around they are looking down at the Landing - that is the face of our community and looks great, but is sick.
- Advised that he has attended the Hemming Plaza meetings since January and there have been a lot of suggestions and a lot of ideas, adding that there has been DIAs in the past that did not make headway.
- Asked what the plan for the DIA is going to be. Is the DIA going to get involved and boldly, aggressively and creatively address things such as the courthouse property, the shipyards property, Marble Bank Trio, etc., asking what is the plan to stay abreast of the issues?

Chair Harris commented that he thinks it is about structure, we have a great structure, we have a great board, adding that things need to be done in order, referencing once a CEO is engaged the ball can start rolling. Commented that he thinks everyone has the same passion as Board member Bailey of getting it done but need to get through the process and make the process shorter.

The following were relative comments from the board:

- In the meantime things will come to the board and if the board waits to do everything end to end to end, they will be sitting on their hands.
- Referencing Hemming Plaza suggested the DIA have a means to communicate to the ad hoc subcommittee its thoughts, suggestions, etc.
- Asked about a timeframe for the board to start acting on items of interest.

- There are a lot of things that are going to come before the DIA fairly quickly that will need to be addressed sooner versus later. Referenced the Bostwick Building- that is timely and needs to be addressed, suggested it should be on the DIA agenda for discussion, possibly a recommendation, etc.

Chair Harris concurred that the Bostwick Building and Hemming Plaza are issues of the DIA, adding that it is technically about the process and educating the board. He added that the best thing about bringing issues to the DIA is that they can be great advocates of what is going on. He referenced that the DIA has a certain amount of boundaries that they have to stay within, in regards to the Bylaws.

Mr. Gabriel commented that in terms of items that are not particular applications going before the DIA, referencing Hemming Plaza and the Bostwick Building as examples to the extent that these are things in downtown and things that the DIA wants to talk about, they are welcome to address. He advised that there are a couple of ways for the board to handle the issues. The board can discuss an issue and move on, or if the board feels strongly about a particular issue and wants to take a recommending position on the issue, they can do so in the form of a written resolution with the consensus of the board. He added that another option would be to designate a board member to attend meetings relative to an item of interest with a particular message on behalf of the board.

Regarding the Bostwick Building, Mr. Gabriel advised that their Resolution 2012-657 is making its way through the Council process in terms of the demolition permit appeal. He advised that the item has not been scheduled for a public hearing yet in front of the LUZ Committee because he believes there is a decision to be made by the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission (maybe tomorrow) to consider another issue regarding whether the building will be historically landmarked or not. Mr. Gabriel advised that staff will provide the Board with the legislative search function for City Council to follow legislation and will provide updates.

Mr. Crawford commented that in his professional opinion it is not about a building. It is about the fabricate of our downtown. If you are looking at it as a one stop building, I think you are being microscopically opinionated and I believe that you should broaden your perspective in that historic buildings are traditionally the fabricate of a downtown and if you erode that fabricate what are you going to put back? That is what separates this downtown from the suburbs, the Town Center or Deerwood, Southside or the Westside. It's the fabricate that you have. I think as you address it you may want to look at it in a more global, broader perspective and say "we are against or we are for, or we don't care as it relates to historical buildings, preservation, etc., and then you can get into the details of why you think certain areas of downtown are more important than others to save historic buildings. This isn't just a simple conversation. I think you need to have a rationale as to why you want to engage in this subject of the Bostwick but more so the broader context.

Board member Shea replied that from a long range conceptual point of view agrees, but does not agree in terms of the Bostwick Building because it is going to fall down before they get a chance

to do any of that. He added that if the board is ready to do something about the Bostwick Building, he was ready to offer a four part resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER SHEA AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER BARAKAT REGARDING THE BOSTWICK BUILDING AND WITHIN THE DIA'S POWER TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL: 1) URGE CITY COUNCIL TO NOT ISSUE THE DEMOLITION PERMIT IN THE CASE OF THE BOSTWICK BUILDING, FURTHERMORE, 2) WE WILL NOT REWARD ANY DOWNTOWN LAND OWNER FOR COMMITTING DEMOLITION BY NEGLIGENCE; 3) THE CITY WOULD USE ALL LEGAL METHODS AVAILABLE TO IT TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY FROM THE CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER; AND 4) TO DESIGNATE THE DIA AS THE DISPOSITION AGENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0/0.

Board member M. Bishop asked if the third recommendation was doable given the city's lean budget.

Board member Shea replied that he does not think the DIA has a budget and does not think that the DIA ought to be concerned about the budget. The city ought to do what it needs to do to save the building and set a precedent for the kind of structures Mr. Crawford referenced. He believes that if the City Council is interested they will find a way to do it financially.

Chair Harris suggested adding "within this board's power" to Board member Shea's motion.

Board member Perez asked who prepares the agenda for the meetings and suggested going forward that board members have an opportunity to ask for items to be considered on the agenda prior to the meeting date. He added that he understands that there is a process, an executive director has to be hired, the board needs to prepare and submit a plan, noting that there are other issues and more that will arise in the interim and thinks it is the responsibility of the DIA to voice concerns and serve as a forum for those issues to be discussed and determine if they want to take a position.

Mr. Crawford suggested that requests from board members for items to be added to a meeting agenda should be sent to Michelle Stephens who will circulate through Mr. Crawford and Mr. Gabriel.

Board member Barakat requested that the board be provided with an agenda prior to the day of the meeting, suggesting that a draft be circulated to the board two days prior to the meeting. He noted that at the October 17, 2012 DIA meeting, the board asked specifically that the Bostwick Building be on today's agenda, asking what if anything the Board and/or the city can do to work with the ownership to help structurally stabilize the building.

Board member Bailey commented that the community needs to see that the DIA is addressing the issues if they ever plan on seeking private dollars.

Board member Barakat commented that because the DIA has not determined its plan yet they are going to be reactive to ongoing issues, adding that once they start discussing the plan they can begin to think proactively and with a more visionary mind frame. He added that he thought had the DIA been in place at the time, the responsibility would have been to the DIA. He thinks the board needs to vet out to what extent they can be involved with the Hemming Plaza subcommittee, adding that the dots in the community have got to be connected. He commented that he is hearing that the DIA wants to ensure that there is progress, which was part of the reason that he asked for a monthly update because if there is no progress the board would like to know. He suggested that the DIA have official representation at the ad hoc committee, recommending Board member Bailey since he has already been engaged. The issue is too important of an issue for the DIA to neglect.

Board member Bailey suggested that Council member Denise Lee be invited to a DIA meeting to share what they have done, and what she thinks or how she thinks the DIA should or could engage.

Chair Harris suggested that an agenda be disseminated to the board 48 hours prior to a meeting. He also advised that they had planned to put together 10 different issues for discussion, but will defer to the next meeting.

Staff explained the process for routing of the former JEDC agenda and current DDRB agenda noting that 48 hours in advance of a meeting is not enough time for staff to prepare agenda items, adding that having a final agenda and related items to the board 48 hours in advance is doable, but not to start receiving information and drafting an agenda.

Chair Harris replied that he will get with staff and come up with a plan that makes sense for everyone and send the process to the board, noting that board members are welcome at any time of the month to submit items they would like to see on an agenda to DIA staff.

Mr. Crawford provided an update on the following:

- Latitude 30 and the old main library - conversation phase only
- Intuition Ale House - brainstorming about a potential location downtown
- 200 Riverside Brooklyn project - facilitating the permit and other related issues, anticipated to move forward in the next month or so with construction
- Laura St. Trio - conversations continue with the bank that owns it, several interested parties, but nothing firm
- Bostwick Building - Tony Allegretti forwarded to Paul a person who is interested in the building, had conversations, but nothing firm and nothing moving forward, facilitating conversations between the owner, there are conversations that need to be had with the city because there are outstanding liens against the property that need to be paid off
- Historic Laura St. Clock reinstallation - The clock near Jacobs Jewelers has been down for about 16 months for reconstruction. The refurbished clock should be back in its place in the next month or so.

- DDRB Nov. 1, 2012 meeting Agenda - Baptist Medical Center Wayfinding Special Sign Exception request, Parador Parking Garage Request for final approval of conditions, and the Riverside YMCA request for conceptual review
- 200 Riverside - have been working on a plan to further develop Brooklyn through the residential and retail components. An announcement was made that there would be a fresh market in the area working to make that a reality and working on a plan with developer to move forward

Chair Harris asked if the DIA should have a representative on the DDRB. Mr. Crawford responded that Board member Bailey has served on the DDRB for many years. Chair Harris suggested that Board member Bailey serve as an ex-officio to the DDRB and report back to the DIA on a monthly basis. Board member Bailey commented that the issues and topics of the DDRB are vital to what the DIA will be doing, agreeing to stay engaged with the DDRB and serve as liaison between the DDRB and the DIA.

Board member Bailey asked for clarification of the legal process of a board member having a discussion with a developer of a project before the DDRB that at some point could also come before the DIA.

Mr. Gabriel replied that in terms of things that are before the DDRB to the extent that they will never come before the DIA technically they can speak to developers on those matters. To the extent that they are items that may end up before the DIA, he stressed caution in terms of ex parte advising to note the date and time of the conversation, who the conversation was with, and the item(s) discussed. In the event the DIA were to vote on the subject, a member would not necessarily have to recuse themselves but declare ex parte communications at that time, adding caution to not take any position on any matter before a hearing before the DIA. He added it is a case by case basis because it may be that a lot of items are not before the DIA and hence you would talk about them.

Chair Harris deferred discussion on the information provided for the board members to add to their binders for the next meeting (IBM's Smarter Cities Downtown Report, Downtown Master Plan, Downtown Action Plan, and CRA Plans).

Chair Harris commented that the city as a whole has talked about concentrating on branding, recommending that Board member Allegretti serve as chair asking him to explore and report at the next meeting what is the idea of a great brand and as far as the city where should we start, etc., suggesting that the information could be provided to the new CEO as a head start on trying to focus on branding this destination.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was open for public comments and advised that their time to speak was limited to three minutes.

- Lori Boyer, Council Member District 5; 2234 River Road

Commented to the group regarding some of the discussion she has heard about the board's authority, what they can do now and what they cannot do now. Her understanding is not that the board is any way restricted from commenting on, taking positions on, getting involved in, even negotiating deals and proposing lease arrangements and things like that. The difference is that at this point in time until they have their plan, the final product has to come to City Council for approval, but it is not an expectation that the board is hands off the issues until such time as they have a director and they have a plan, if that were the case then there is no one in that seat for however long that takes. She has a personal expectation that with respect to any issue that comes up within the geographic areas governed by the DIA that they will weigh in on it and the council will know what their thoughts are, adding that they all bring different expertise to the table, different viewpoints and the council is looking forward to having that input. She hopes that the board is willing to tackle that as things arise asking Mr. Gabriel to clarify if she has overstated the extent of the authority the board has today.

Mr. Gabriel concurred noting that some issues (Hemming Plaza as an example) have commenced in advance of the DIA, noting that to the extent the board does not have an actual application or agenda item in front of them and to the extent it is within the geographical jurisdiction of downtown, the board can certainly make an opinion and/or take a position and referenced contents of ORD 2012-364-E, Sec. 55.308 Powers and Duties of the DIA.

- Evie Welch, 701 N. Ocean St.

Concerned about the economics of providing public safety, in general, for the varied homeless groups (talking points attached).

- John Nooney, 8356 Bascom Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216

Referencing super storm Sandy, Craig Fugate, Director of the Fla. Division of Emergency Management and the old Fuller Warren Bridge thought that Mr. Fugate, back then asked a good question, "In the event of a natural disaster the ability to transport large numbers of people via the waterway, the back of a medical facility be a part of any emergency preparedness plan." He is excited about downtown, the river and active participation to the river downtown. He has been attending Florida Inland Navigation District meetings for over five years with one question. If private money was raised for a pocket pier floating dock at a water front access street end would the commissioners of

FIND match the other half of the construction cost and the answer is yes, he needs a city council or mayor sponsor. He commented that the new DIA and the new CRA they can lead the effort for public access.

Chair Harris commented that Jack Shad left the meeting and they will talk about parking at the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Harris adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

The next DIA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Witness

Downtown Investment Authority

Donald Harris, Chairman

Print Name: _____

Vote: In Favor: _____ Opposed: _____ Abstained: _____