

NW 7th Avenue Community Redevelopment Agency

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June 20, 2024

Arcola Lakes Public Library

8240 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33150

6PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Reasonable Opportunity for the Public to be Heard — 2 minutes per speaker
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - A. May 14, 2024
- VI. Discussion
 - A. Black Business Month
- VII. MHCP COLAB, Economic Development Coordinator
- VIII. NANA, Grants Administrator
 - A. Introduction of Project Director, Daniella Brown
 - B. Business Survey/Canvassing Efforts
- IX. New Business
 - A. Administrative Update
- X. Adjournment

MHCP COLAB/NANA



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2024 Meeting Dates*

Arcola Lakes Library @ 6pm

- ~~·Wednesday, January 24th~~
- ~~·Tuesday, February 20th~~
- ~~·Wednesday, April 3rd~~
- ~~·Apr. 24th (moved to April 3rd)~~
- ~~·Tuesday, May 14th~~
- ~~·Thursday, June 20th~~
- Thursday, July 25th
- August Board Recess
- Tuesday, September 10th
- Tuesday, October 22nd
- Wednesday, November 13th
- Wednesday, December 4th

Meeting dates and agendas are also posted at:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/government/boards/northwest-7th-avenue-cra.page>
(CRA webpage)

<https://www8.miamidade.gov/global/calendar/global.page>
(Miami-Dade County webpage)

Contact: Miami-Dade County - Office of Management & Budget
(305) 375-5143

*Meeting dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.



I. Call to Order – CRA Board Vice-Chair Mondesir called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Roll Call and Introductions –

Daniella Pierre, Chairwoman	Present
Jeffy Mondesir, Vice Chairman	Present
Board Member Gene Lomando	Present
Board Member Linnon Latham Jr.	Absent
Board Member Nadeige Theresias- Joisil	Present

Others Present:

Vivian Cao, Assistant Director; Chimene Graham, Business Analyst Manager; Miami-Dade County, Office of Management & Budget (OMB); Terrence Smith, County Attorney’s Office (CAO)
 Melissa and Mathew Hege, MHCP Colab

III. Public Comment/ Reasonable Opportunity to be Heard – There were no participants.

IV. Approval of Agenda – Gene Lomando moved approval of the Agenda, with a second from Nadeige Theresias-Joisil. *Motion passed.*

V. Approval of April 3, 2024, Minutes – Nadeige Theresias-Joisil moved approval of the Minutes, with a second from Gene Lomando. *Motion passed.*

VI. Presentations

A. Miami-Dade County, Regulatory and Economic Resources Dept., Strive 305 – Mr. Anthony Bonamy gave a presentation on Strive 305 and outlined their mission and vision. Mr. Bonamy outlined the target audience, stating they want to reach 75% of small business owners in Miami-Dade County, incubator creation, and other resources. Mr. Bonamy further elaborated on the on these items by sharing plans for partnering with the CRA, a website with all business resources available, the creation of business incubators, and the path to do business with the County.

Mr. Bonamy stated that they hope to receive feedback from the business owners regarding County policies and, in turn, Mr. Bonamy and his team would provide feedback to the County Commissioners on how policies they make effect small businesses. Mr. Bonamy explained the digital trainings that will take place on their platform called “Teachable” and planned partnerships with entities such as Microsoft, ADP, and QuickBooks. Mr. Bonamy mentioned other partnerships they have in place to help owners with tax preparation, one-on-one business training, the weekly Morning Huddle, and more. Mr. Bonamy stated his unit does not provide grants but works with the Dade County Federal Credit Unit for microloans. Mr. Bonamy stated the goal of his unit is to prepare small businesses to conduct business in the future with larger entities.

After several questions from the board members, Mr. Bonamy emphasized that his office seeks to foster collaborative partnerships and not duplicate work; grant creation and linking with the CRAs to accomplish common goals.

VII. Economic Development Coordinator

A. CRA 101 Presentation – Mathew and Melissa Hege gave an overview presentation of CRAs. Information covered included: updates of the Florida Redevelopment Association; why CRA’s were created; and what their purpose is (creating clean and safe environments, economic development, increasing housing, preserving/enhancing the tax base, and more).

Mr. Hege listed some of the items a CRA can fund such as new businesses, redevelopment efforts, administrative costs, funding/financing for brick and mortar. Mr. Hege spoke about the items not allowed such as funding to promote tourism and funding for social programs. Ms. Hege explained the role of the CRA board, stating board members have a dual leadership role and administrative roles. Ms. Hege outlined possible collaboration opportunities with other local CRA's, local government, local universities, and other partners. After some questions from the board members, Mr. Hege stated the group will come back with data on potential development opportunities and deals already taking place in the area. Mr. Smith gave some examples to the board members for creating of affordable housing as it relates to loans, grants, incentives and more, emphasizing that social programs are not permitted.

VIII. Grants Administrator Update - NANA

- A. Update on Legacy Contracts/Close-outs Presentation – Ms. Victoria Goss gave updates on the four remaining grant projects from FY 2022: Dolly's Florist, J & G Investment Properties, Ponderosa Woodslabs, and Thomas Dental Associates. Ms. Goss stated that Ponderosa Woodslabs would be closed by May 2024; J&G Investments and Thomas Dental will close-out the following month. Dolly's Florist requires a change in scope due to sewer connection issues. The request will be submitted to the County for approval.

IX. New Business –

- A. Administrative Updates – Ms. Cao stated that the deadline for the Finding of Necessity is tomorrow to receive applications.

- X. Adjournment – There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.