

**WESTGATE/BELVEDERE HOMES COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
1280 N. CONGRESS AVE., SUITE 215, WEST PALM BEACH, FL. 33409  
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING**

**June 09, 2025**

**I. CALL TO ORDER (IN-PERSON MEETING BROADCASTED ON ZOOM PLATFORM)**

Mr. Daniels, the Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Bui.

**Present:** Ronald L. Daniels  
Joanne Rufty  
Teliska Wolliston  
Ruth Haggerty

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Elizée Michel, Executive Director  
Denise Pennell, Director of Planning & Development  
Mai Bui, Redevelopment Specialist/Administrative Assistant  
Carmen Geraine, Bookkeeper  
Thomas J. Baird, Esq., General Counsel

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Juan Groves, Jonathan Hopkins

**Zoom Attendees:**

**II. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**1. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions to Agenda**

- Delete Agenda Item #1. Re-number agenda item #2 to agenda item #1. Re-number agenda item #3 to agenda item #2. Add agenda item of Election of Board Members at 5:30p.m.
- It was moved by Ms. Rufty and seconded by Ms. Haggerty to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried (4-0)

### **III. ADOPTION OF W/BH CRA MINUTES**

- **Ms. Haggerty asked Mr. Baird if Mr. Baird reviewed the agreement.**
- **It was moved by Ms. Haggerty and seconded by Ms. Rufty to adopt April 14, 2025 minutes. Motion carried (4-0)**

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No Public Comment

### **V. DISCLOSURES**

- No Disclosures

### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- No Consent Agenda

### **VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **1. Approval of Commitment Funding for West Palm Beach Mobility Coalition**

Ms. Pennell with Jonathan Hopkins from WPBGo presented the item to the Board.

The West Palm Beach Mobility Coalition, or WPBgo, is a transportation management association (TMA) dedicated to enhancing and implementing policies, infrastructure choices, and travel behavior outcomes to mitigate traffic resulting from the unprecedented ongoing growth in population and commerce in the community. The organization promotes collaboration and innovation among various sectors by supporting organizations, employers, and businesses to achieve common goals.

The organization aims to reduce traffic and improve mobility in and around our area. It collects data, designs policies, influences transportation agencies, and works with policymakers to foster economic growth and improve the quality of life of the community's residents.

The partnership with WPBgo provides involvement in a monthly steering committee, access to the WPBgo ACCESS program, free and reduced-cost transportation options, and support for best practices.

As the CRA experiences new growth, it should work with other agencies to improve mobility and reduce traffic. To join the organization, the CRA must pay an annual fee of \$20,000.

Staff recommends that the Board approve a budget amendment to allocate \$20,000 for the WPBgo membership fee.

**It was moved by Ms. Rufty and seconded by Ms. Wolliston to approve a budget amendment to allocate \$20,000 for the WPBGo membership fee. The motion passed unanimously (4-0)**

## **2. Approval of Agreement with Realtor to Negotiate Property Acquisition in the CRA**

Mr. Michel introduced the item to the Board.

Mr. Baird reviewed and made changes to the Non-Exclusive Representation Agreement form.

**It was moved by Ms. Haggerty and seconded by Ms. Rufty to approve the motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement. The motion passed unanimously (4-0)**

**The regular meeting was suspended at 5:30p.m. to conduct Board nominations. Ms. Haggerty nominated Mr. Juan Groves to fill Seat #1. No other nominations were offered. Ms. Haggerty nominated Ms. Joanne Rufty for Seat #7. No other nominations were offered. Nominations will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration.**

## **VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

Ribbon Cutting for Autumn Ridge was on May 27, 2025. Westgate CRA presented County Administrator, Verdenia Baker with a plaque for her contributions to the redevelopment of the Westgate CRA.

Ribbon Cutting for Westgate Avenue was on May 28, 2025, at 9:00a.m.

Cherry Road is under construction. The South side is finished and is currently working on the North side. Seminole Blvd is finished.

Westgate CRA received \$2,097 from the Rooney Foundation, a portion of the proceeds from the 2025 Rooney 5K Run.

Food Distribution is on 6/10/25.

Summer Fun At The Park is on Friday, 6/13/2025 from 5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Celebrate Westgate "Key For Success" was featured in the PBC County e-line.

**IX ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**

**X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**XI. AJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Ms. Rufty and seconded by Ms. Wolliston to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54p.m.**



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