

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**OF**

**REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THIRTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS**

February 20, 2013

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Reinvestment Zone Number Thirteen, City of Houston, Texas (the “Zone”), convened in regular session, open to the public, on the 20th day of February 2013, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to-wit:

Claude Anello	Chair
Steve Kirkland	Vice Chair
Larissa Lindsay	Secretary
Cynthia Card	Assistant Secretary
Patricia Garza	Director
Monica Savino	Director
Alice Valdez	Director
Ann Guercio	Director

and all of said persons were present except Directors Garza and Savino, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were: Clark Lord and Debbie Russell of Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP; Ralph De Leon of the City of Houston; Laura Thorp of Council Member Gonzalez’s office; Melissa Morton of The Morton Accounting Services; Alex Cass of Better Houston; and Blake McGregor of Edminster Hinshaw Russ & Associates (“EHRA”).

**DETERMINE QUORUM; CALL TO ORDER**

Director Anello noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

The Board considered approving the minutes of October 10, 2012. Following discussion, upon a motion made by Director Lindsay and seconded by Director Guercio, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 10, 2012.

## **PROJECTS REPORT**

### **Committee for Design of Dow Park**

Director Anello questioned the status of improvements to Dow Park. Mr. De Leon reported that Ms. Johnson is working on the project.

The Board also discussed whether to continue the changing of the seasonal attachments to the signage in the Authority. Director Anello stated that NEC has to change out the attachments each season. After discussion, the Board concurred to continue with the seasonal change out of the sign attachments.

### **Recommendations for Livable Study Proposals**

Ms. Cass reported that discussions are ongoing regarding a branding strategy for the Authority and surrounding area. She reported on plans for a concert to be called Houston Rocks.

The Board discussed installing a sign in the park next to the new apartment building stating that the area is a public park.

The Board then discussed plans for Sawyer Park. Director Anello stated that he would contact KGS Architects regarding the project to see if they have an interest in designing.

### **Community Outreach Program**

Ms. Cass presented a printout illustrating changes to the website for the Authority.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session for the month.

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The Board discussed concurred to hold a workshop in April and the next Board meeting in May. The Board requested that an agenda item be included to discuss the status of the bike trail.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

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Secretary