



## Meeting Minutes Community Redevelopment Agency

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Tuesday, February 10, 2026

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

*Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was inaudible until after the presentation under Item 1.*

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Chair Todd Drosky at 7:02 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, 150 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach, Florida.

#### **Present:**

Mr. Michael Hudak  
Mr. Tom Plaut  
Mr. Daniel Shanetzky  
Vice Chair Ben Preston  
Chair Todd Drosky

#### **Also Present:**

City Manager Rodney Brimlow  
City Attorney Anthony Soroka  
City Clerk Heather Montemayor

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

There was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2026.*

**MOTION was made by Mr. Hudak, seconded by Mr. Plaut, to approve the January 13, 2026 minutes as submitted.**  
**Voice Vote:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Mr. Hudak, Mr. Plaut, Mr. Shanetzky, Vice Chair Preston, and Chair Drosky  
**Nays:** 0

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*February 10, 2026*

**MOTION was made by Mr. Plaut, seconded by Vice Chair Preston, to approve the agenda as submitted. Voice Vote:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Mr. Hudak, Mr. Plaut, Mr. Shanetzky, Vice Chair Preston, and Chair Drosky  
**Nays:** 0

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

### **1. Update by the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) regarding the exhibits and programming for the Marine Science Center.**

Joe Cox, President and CEO, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. Thereafter, he stated that JM Family Enterprises has made a \$1 million commitment to support the facility.

Mr. Hudak expressed his excitement about the project. Thereafter, he recommended naming the facility the Museum of Discovery and Science Deerfield Beach Naturium, Sponsored by JMFE. He has asked that the City Attorney look into trademarking Naturium.

Mr. Cox spoke in support of the uniqueness and stated that they will test the name recognition; nonetheless, if it does not work for the building, he recommended using it within an exhibit.

Mr. Plaut thanked everyone involved, as this facility will be a spectacular addition to the City.

Mr. Shanetzky recommended adding a video porthole that connects to the top of the pier and museum, so visitors in the museum can see the visitors on the pier.

In response to Mr. Cox's question, Mr. Hudak replied that the porthole near the pier is currently inoperable, but staff is working diligently to get it reconnected to the underwater camera.

In response to Mr. Shanetzky's question, Mr. Cox replied that he is unsure of the exact date for finalization; however, once established, the Board will be advised.

Vice Chair Preston thanked Mr. Cox for the relationship that has been established. Thereafter, he expressed excitement for the project, and encouraged Mr. Cox to continue bringing forth ideas.

Chair Drosky thanked Mr. Cox for his efforts, as well as the relationship the City has established with MODS. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the name selections, and recommended Deerfield Beach MODS Nature Center, as it incorporates all categories.

In response to Chair Drosky's question, Mr. Cox replied that MODS is working with a company to ensure that the AI-generated responses from the shark are appropriate. Thereafter, he said the technology will be tested on an AI otter at MODS.

Chair Drosky recommended incorporating coyotes into an exhibit, as there are many misconceptions about them.

Mr. Cox said they have already done the research on coyotes, so it can be included. Thereafter, he thanked the Board for all of their efforts during this process.

### **2. Presentation by Guy Harvey Inc. regarding the Marine Science Center Murals.**

Tonya Shearer, Director of Strategic Partnerships, presented a PowerPoint outlining the two art installations planned for the exterior of Sullivan Park, as well as the art installations for Deerfield Island Park. Thereafter, she commented on the Guy Harvey Conservation Education Program, which provides teachers with field trip grants. Dr. Shearer explained that the Guy Harvey Foundation is partnering with Broward County to bring educational stations to Deerfield Island Park; and although, they are two separate facilities, the goal is to make the content on the Island complementary to Sullivan Park.

### **3. CRA Resolution 2026/002 - A Resolution of the City of Deerfield Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), approving an agreement with the Guy Harvey Foundation for the design, creation and installation of the two murals at the Marine Science Center at Sullivan Park with the design and creation of the murals at no cost to the CRA; approving the expenditure of \$4,199.75 for installation costs and the expenditure of funds to rent the necessary lifts or cranes for the installation; providing for execution, implementation and an effective date. (*Funds from Account #190-500-520-5200-000-55200-506304 - Infrastructure and Capital Improvements*)**

## **GENERAL ITEMS - CONTINUED**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Michael Chen, CRA Director, stated that, if approved, the art installations will go to the Public Art Committee for their review and approval.

Mr. Hudak thanked the Guy Harvey Foundation for their efforts.

Chair Drosky opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Hudak, seconded by Vice Chair Preston, to approve Item 3, adopted CRA Resolution 2026/002. Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Mr. Hudak, Mr. Plaut, Mr. Shanetzky, Vice Chair Preston, and Chair Drosky  
**Nays:** 0

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Marine Science Center Funding - Michael Chen, CRA Director, stated that one of the factors keeping the project moving forward is that the CRA provided the MODS with a short-term funding bridge; whereby, he approved the use of existing pre-funded operating funds, on the condition that they are promptly replenished with Broward County funds.

Budget Workshop - Mr. Chen requested that a workshop be held, so he can gain better knowledge of the Board's priorities and objectives. If the Board doesn't feel a workshop is warranted, he asked that it be discussed at the next regular CRA meeting.

Marine Science Center at Sullivan Park - Mr. Chen said the building itself should be completed by the end of April; therefore, he requested building names be discussed at the next meeting.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

### **DISTRICT 1**

Budget Workshop - Mr. Hudak spoke in support of discussing the budget during a regular meeting.

Thank You - Mr. Hudak thanked Mr. Chen, Mr. Cox, and the Guy Harvey Foundation for their continued efforts and partnership.

### **DISTRICT 3**

Budget Workshop - Mr. Shanetzky spoke in support of discussing the budget during a regular meeting.

Marine Science Center at Sullivan Park - In response to Mr. Shanetzky's question, Joe Cox, President and CEO, replied that the entrance fees are outlined in the management agreement, as well as the business plan.

Thereafter, Mr. Cox said JM Family Enterprises should be included in the discussion of naming the facility.

### **DISTRICT 4**

Budget Workshop - Mr. Plaut spoke in support of discussing the budget during a regular meeting.

Thank You - Mr. Plaut thanked Dr. Shearer for the information regarding the Guy Harvey Conservation Education Program. Thereafter, he suggested that she attend an upcoming Education Advisory Board meeting.

**DISTRICT 2 - None.**

**BOARD COMMENTS - CONTINUED****MAYOR**

Boat Parade - Mayor Drosky presented the plaque to Mr. Chen.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Tamah Lettieri, 3302 Carambola Cir S., Coconut Creek*, commented on the Solid Waste Authority.

*Jeff Fisher, 333 N. Ocean Blvd., Deerfield Beach*, requested that a lit crosswalk be installed near Tiara East.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION was made by Vice Chair Preston, seconded by Mr. Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Mr. Hudak, Mr. Plaut, Mr. Shanetzky, Vice Chair Preston, and Chair Drosky  
Nays: 0

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TODD DROSKY, CHAIR

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Heather Montemayor, Clerk