



Meeting Minutes

Community Redevelopment Agency

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Chair Todd Drosky at 6:30 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, 150 NE 2nd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Deputy City Manager Eric Power
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 AGENDA

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MOTION was made by Mr. Hudak, 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. CRA Resolution 2026/ - A Resolution of the Deerfield Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), approving the name and designation of the Marine Science Center to be known as the Museum of Discovery and Science Deerfield Beach Nature Center; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Michael Chen, CRA Director, provided a brief overview of the item. Thereafter, the proposed sign design was displayed.

GENERAL ITEMS - CONTINUED

Chair Drosky stated that he was initially concerned with the length of the name; however, after reviewing the sign design, he spoke in support of the proposed name.

Mr. Plaut expressed similar concerns; however, he stated that the sign design looked great and effectively showcased the wording "Deerfield Beach Nature Center."

Mr. Hudak spoke in support of the proposed name and designation. Thereafter, he thanked staff and Mr. Cox for the mock-up, as it was helpful to have a visual representation.

Vice Chair Preston agreed with the concerns expressed by the others; however, he stated that displaying the wording on two lines looks great and was not overly wordy. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the proposed name and designation.

Chair Drosky opened the public hearing.

Peggy Ross, 103 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed name and designation, as other forms of nature could be incorporated in the future.

Chair Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Mr. Hudak, seconded by Vice Chair Preston, to approve Item 1, adopted CRA Resolution 2026/003. Roll Call:

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

BOARD COMMENTS

DISTRICT 1

Museum of Discovery and Science Deerfield Beach Nature Center - In response to Mr. Hudak's question, Michael Chen, CRA Director, replied that staff continues to coordinate with Florida Power & Light (FP&L) to obtain a schedule for the electrical hookup. Further, the project remains on target at this time, but could potentially be delayed if a schedule is not established soon.

DISTRICT 3

Upgrades/Improvements - Mr. Shanetzky commented on the ongoing improvements at the Cove Shopping Center. Thereafter, he recommended that the light fixtures on the S-Curve, as well as in and near the Cove, be upgraded, as the current fixtures are plain and standard.

DISTRICT 4 - None.

DISTRICT 2

Thank You - Vice Chair Preston thanked everyone involved for their efforts with the Museum of Discovery and Science Deerfield Beach Nature Center.

MAYOR - None.

ADMINISTRATION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peggy Ross, 103 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on the location of parking for the Museum of Discovery and Science Deerfield Beach Nature Center.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. Plaut, seconded by Vice Chair Preston, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Voice Vote:**

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

Nays: 0

TODD DROSKY, CHAIR

Heather Montemayor, Clerk