



Date: December 21, 2004
To: Mayor O'Neill & City Council Members
From: Frank Colonna, Council Member, Third District *FC*
Subject: Interim Plan for City Council and Redevelopment Agency

I am requesting the City Council review and approve the following recommendations, as amended from my correspondence of December 6, 2004 to Mayor O'Neill and the City Council, implementing an interim plan for the RDA and pending presentation by Clarion Consultants of final recommendations of the independent study to the City Council.

1. The Mayor create a new Neighborhood Redevelopment Council Committee or appoint an ad hoc committee of the City Council that will require the RDA Board to report their progress on projects in a systematic and timely manner in order that this committee can then provide a timely report to the City Council.
2. Empower this new committee to have the ability to make recommendations to the entire City Council on the status of projects in the pipeline. While also creating a vehicle by which any Council Member can request a review of a project's status in any redevelopment area, it can recommend new projects for the RDA Board's merit and review.
3. Streamline the timelines associated with the projects from their inception to their completion in order to establish real time decision-making.
4. Establish a process to assess past projects and their impact whether positive or negative and better connect with the City Council on how to deal with problem areas adjacent to the RDA's geographic boundaries.
5. Explore an avenue of Council authority over and accountability from the RDA Board members.
6. Establish an evaluation process whereby a biannual assessment of RDA Board members and/or the Board's actions would be the subject of review at the will of the City Council or adopt alternate recommendations proposed by the independent study as to governance and accountability.

Please see attached my memorandum of December 6, 2004.