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Mitch Pellecchia, 6890 N.W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, asked how the decision was made to choose the selected artist.

Diane Colonna, Executive Director, explained that bids were solicited from bronze foundries located in Sanford, Florida, California, Miami, and West Palm Beach. The foundry in Miami provided the best price and were the best qualified, as well as being local. Ms. Colonna said she and Kim Vazquez had also visited the foundry. Mrs. Bryan stated that she was pleased to have met the artist during a recent visit at the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center.

Mr. Pellecchia asked how the design process would work. Chair Talerico commented that the lengthy process was presented in the meeting back-up. Mrs. Peerman asked if the artist would be meeting with the Schweitzer's [friends of the Kaye Stevens]. Ms. Colonna said they had met with the Schweitzer's at the Northwest Focal Point Senior Center to review the memorabilia. They then visited Kaye Stevens Park to select the best location for the statue which they felt would be on the corner of Royal Palm Boulevard and 52<sup>nd</sup> Terrace. She said the vision was to have a statue of Kaye Stevens waving and standing atop a two foot pedestal; the statue would be visible from the street as well as from inside the park. Ms. Colonna said the contract allowed for up to four months to create the sculpture and plaque and to do the installation. She said there may be a delay due to the complexities involved in designing and determining the placement of the base. She said the company would need to know the height and location of the base before they commenced work on the statue because they would design the statue around how it would be placed.

Ms. Simone she had asked Ms. Colonna earlier if the sculptor was familiar with working from a picture and Ms. Colonna had told her that she had done work of deceased people from photographs. Ms. Colonna said that there would be two sculptors working on the statue: one on the face from the neck up; the other on the rest of the body.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Ruzzano, Yes; Mrs. Bryan, Yes; Mrs. Peerman, Yes; Ms. Simone, Yes;  
Mr. Talerico, Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

3B. **RESOLUTION 446:** Approving a Construction Reimbursement Agreement with Tropical Development Group, LLC, owner of 2401-2403 North State Road 7.

After Eugene M. Steinfield, Board Attorney, read the resolution title, Mr. Ruzzano made the following motion, seconded by Mrs. Peerman:

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Diane Colonna, Executive Director, explained that the owners of the property had contacted the CRA office in May, 2014, prior to starting work to ask about doing a façade grant. At that time, the property was not located in one of the Target Areas as stipulated in the grant guidelines. They were encouraged to submit an application and request an exception but they did not follow through. In February, 2015, the Property Improvement Grant program was revised and the Target Area restriction was eliminated. She said the project representatives contacted the CRA office about a grant but they were already well along into their project. Ms. Colonna showed a PowerPoint slide of the building when it opened in the 1980's and slides of the proposed façade that was currently under construction. She said the work that needed to be completed included a stone veneer, aluminum custom shutters, and tenant signage and those improvements were estimated to cost just over \$36,000. She said the grant provided for 50% reimbursement which would allow

them to receive \$18,000. The CRA office advised them that they could only be reimbursed for work that had not been done because the guidelines stated that businesses must apply before starting any work. She said they were under the assumption that they could apply after the fact.

Ms. Colonna said that the property owner had expended over \$170,000 as of February, 2015. Mrs. Peerman said she had not been in favor of the Target Areas and she made the following amendment, seconded by Ms. Simone:

**AMENDMENT:** TO ALLOW FOR \$25,000 IN THE AGREEMENT

**ROLL CALL ON**

**THE AMENDMENT:** Mr. Ruzzano, Yes; Mrs. Bryan, Yes; Mrs. Peerman, Yes; Ms. Simone, Yes; Mr. Talerico, Aye. The amendment passed 5-0.

**ROLL CALL ON  
THE MOTION AS**

**AMENDED:** Mr. Ruzzano: Yes; Mrs. Bryan, Yes; Mrs. Peerman, Yes; Ms. Simone, Yes; Mr. Talerico, Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Peerman asked when the restaurant would be available. Speaking from the audience, Jonathan Linker said it would be 60 days.

Jonathan Linker, 1900 Banks Road, Suite 4, the property owner's son, said that his father's concept was fresh Mexican/Spanish food. He said they also appreciated all the good work that the Commission had done, and they would continue to promote Margate.

**4A. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approving a request from the Margate Firefighter's Benevolent Association, Inc., for use of CRA-owned property September 6-23, 2015 to hold a carnival and health fair September 10-20, 2015.

After Eugene M. Steinfeld, Board Attorney, read the item title, Mrs. Bryan made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Simone for discussion:

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Ms. Simone said that she understood that carnivals were big fundraisers for the sponsoring organizations but she preferred they be stopped because they did not present a good image for the City. She noted that the property was not going to be available forever and that the organizations needed to think outside the box and come up with other fundraising ideas such as water slides, a zip line, rock climbing wall, etc. She said residents had written to them about their displeasure with the carnivals. She said that even though the Margate Chamber tried to change the event to be a fair, people still considered it a carnival because of the amusement rides. Ms. Simone pointed out that a sponsoring organization was only allowed to use a property once per year for the same event and it seemed that organizations were trying to bypass that policy by attaching something else to their request such a health fair which she said did not mix.

Ms. Simone said that if the other Board members wanted to have the carnivals, she would make a motion to limit the property to one carnival per year.