



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED
BEACH REDEVELOPMENT BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 3330
Monday, January 22, 2018, 2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS	FEB 2017/JAN 2018				
	REGULAR MTGS		SPECIAL MTGS		
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Anthony Abbate, Chair	A	6	2	1	0
Ina Lee, Vice Chair	P	8	0	0	1
Jason Hughes	P	6	2	1	0
Abby Laughlin	P	7	1	1	0
Christian Luz	P	5	3	1	0
Thomas B. McManus (arrived at 2:34 p.m.)	P	6	2	0	1
Andy Mitchell, Jr.	A	3	5	0	1
Tim Schiavone	A	4	4	1	0
Shirley Smith	P	7	1	1	0
Aiton Yaari	P	8	0	0	1

Staff

Don Morris, Beach CRA Manager
Lutecia Florencia, Administrative Aide
Thomas Green, CRA Project Manager
John Herbst, City Auditor
Michael Mitchel, Prototype

I. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – Anthony Abbate

Vice Chair Lee announced that Anthony Abbate will not be renewing his membership on the board and will not be returning. She asked that Mr. Morris draft a thank you letter.

Vice Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Quorum Requirement

As of this date there were 9 appointed members to the Board, which means 5 would constitute a quorum. It was noted there was a quorum at the commencement of the meeting.

Communications to City Commission

Motion made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Luz, to request that the City begin or continue negotiations with Broward County to extend the CRA past the sunset date to allow for the CRA to complete its ongoing projects, and that the City continues

contributing TIF to the CRA until those projects are complete. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

II. Approval of Minutes

- **November 20, 2017**

Motion made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Luz, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017, meeting as presented. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

III. CRA Funding Application \$50,000, Fort Lauderdale Airshow 2018 - Bryan Lilley, Manager, Lauderdale Airshow LLC

Dev Motwani spoke in Mr. Lilley's absence.

[Mr. McManus arrived at 2:34 p.m.]

Mr. Motwani said the show will be May 5 and 6, 2018. They will have the Thunderbirds for 2018, and the Blue Angels for 2019. Their goal is to get back into that rotation. He spoke about some of the obstacles in past years, such as government shutdowns and airport construction. Mr. Motwani said they have now had two successful years, and being able to keep A1A open is a major boon for residents. He commented that most people who come to the show do not pay, and the City has been a great partner.

Mr. Motwani said their request is for \$50,000 - 100% of that will go towards the City support costs, which are necessary for public safety, specifically within the CRA area.

Mr. Motwani stated they believe they have a sustainable model, weather and other unforeseeable circumstances notwithstanding. They are working on bringing the water component back, and trying to coordinate with Fleet Week. They are planning to bring in more local food purveyors and food trucks.

Mr. Motwani showed a PowerPoint presentation displaying the setup and hoteliers' support.

Mr. McManus hoped that when the CRA sunsets, the boat show will have the ability to continue the back-to-back scenario with the flight teams.

In response to a question by Ms. Laughlin, Mr. Morris advised that there are two bills in the legislature that will not allow CRAs to do events or do tourist-oriented expenditures, so this may be the last time they can fund the air show.

Mr. Motwani explained that there is a lot of incremental spending during the air show - one hotel said they had more revenue from food and beverage than for hotel revenue.

Motion made by Mr. Yaari, seconded by Mr. McManus, to support the \$50,000 request for the air show. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

IV. Update of Beach Projects - Thomas Green, CRA Project Manager

Mr. Morris referred to an opinion provided by the Legal Department regarding DC Alexander Park and how it can be used, specifically related to the Ferris Wheel. The Legal Department believes that a Ferris Wheel is permissible at this property.

Mr. Green gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the projects, beginning with the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor improvement project.

Ms. Smith complained about the ongoing road closures. Mr. Green said there are many utilities that need to be installed, and they have been working hard to coordinate between the different providers. He added there are liquidated damages on the project with the contractors, about \$3,000 to \$5,000 per day for every day they are late on the contract. Mr. Morris stated that, while they understand the problem, they do not have a lot of control over franchise utilities.

Ms. Smith said there have been trailers “forever” in front of the Venetian, and wondered how they got permission to have them there. Mr. Morris replied it is a staging area for construction. It was approved by the Planning and Zoning Board and by the City Commission as part of the site plan.

Mr. Green stated they are looking to complete the parking garage (get the Certificate of Occupancy) in October, 2018. The surface lot to the north of the garage will remain. There is a potential marine expansion there, which is in contract negotiation. Until that time, the parking will remain as is.

Mr. Green said the contractor staging area will remain in place while the roadwork and the parking improvement occurs. Ms. Lee recommended that the outreach team notify the residents/businesses around the area alerting them to how long it will take before they vacate.

Mr. Green continued his presentation, covering upcoming road work on Las Olas Boulevard. He said that in February, they will be relocating the Medjool palm trees that line the road, followed by sidewalk improvements in April. By the end of June, the improvements on the north and south sides of the road should be complete. There will be construction during the Memorial Day weekend, but they will pause it for the 4th of July.

Starting in April, Mr. Green said there will be impact to pedestrian and traffic flow. One through lane in each direction will be taken out for the sidewalk work. Once that is done, the road construction will begin. That will begin sometime after the 4th of July and

take three to four months. There will be a complete road closure on Las Olas Boulevard between A1A and Seabreeze Boulevard and partial closures on Seabreeze Boulevard and A1A. The roads have to re-open by the first week of November for the boat show. The road will return to four lanes without the median.

Regarding the relocation of the palms, Mr. Green said they are considering moving them to along Sistrunk Boulevard. There will be new tree plantings to take their place. He added that all the City stakeholders had a voice in coming up with the plan.

Mr. Yaari suggested having a left-turn onto Poinsettia Avenue when they get to the point that they have to detour off Las Olas Boulevard.

Vice Chair Lee suggested having Diane Alarcon attend the next meeting and have a “full-blown” conversation about the traffic flow. She also wanted the outreach team to attend. Mr. Morris advised that they will be updating the City Commission at an upcoming meeting and have started talking to neighborhood and condo associations boards to set up meetings with the residents. They are also reaching out to all affected businesses.

Mr. Morris also said they are discussing doing something with SE 5 Avenue in the short term to help alleviate traffic.

In response to a question by Mr. McManus, Mr. Green said the job sequencing was Phase II being the road and the park construction, which will kick in after completion of Phase I (garage). They will now work the two independently because they have to get the road work completed before the boat show.

Discussion ensued on whether they should wait until after Tortuga (April 8) to begin road work, with Mr. Yaari thinking it would not matter, and Vice Chair Lee advocating for waiting so as not to leave a bad impression on visitors. Mr. Morris said they need to meet with the contractor to figure it out.

Mr. Yaari also suggested waiting until after the boat show to tear up the surface of A1A, since the show is a significant source of revenue for the City.

Mr. Green continued his presentation, moving on to the A1A Streetscape, which is still in active design and should go to construction in the first quarter of 2019. They might have to consider increasing the construction budget in order to add more security and safety features.

In response to a comment by Mr. Yaari, Mr. Morris said the bollards are designed to stop a truck going 30 miles per hour. They are also looking into installing the bollards at intersections where the street can be closed for events.

Mr. Morris brought up the issue with the water main, noting they will have to investigate different methods for landscaping and locations for the poles.

Mr. Green then addressed the Aquatic Center renovation project. The RFP will close on February 2, 2018. Mr. Morris mentioned that Mr. Abbate agreed to stay and be part of the RFP process as representative from the BRB.

Mr. Green stated they have received approval from the City Commission to go ahead with the proposal, and their budget is \$20 million. Mr. Morris said they will also tackle drainage issues and look for additional parking onsite (not a parking garage).

Mr. Green moved on to the final project, DC Alexander Park. He said there is a landscape architect firm that is awaiting confirmation from the City Commission. Mr. Yaari confirmed that the project will meet the requirements of the deed restriction.

Vice Chair Lee wanted to see a visual timeline that they can view at every meeting for all the projects.

Ms. Laughlin asked if they were extending the deadline of the CRA with Broward County. Mr. Morris did not think it had been done. The last he heard they were amenable to extending the date providing no additional funding was provided past the deadline. He is still planning on the year 2020.

In response to a question by Ms. Laughlin about the availability of handicap parking, Mr. Morris said they have not yet designed anything - they have just listed the important parts of the project but not placed them. The first step will be public outreach for ideas; then a joint meeting with the BRB and the Parks board; the consultant comes up with a concept, works on the plans; then another joint meeting; and finally a recommendation to the City Commission.

V. Communications to City Commission

Vice Chair Lee suggested a vote to require the City to start negotiating with Broward County to extend the sunset date of the CRA to allow completion of the projects.

City Auditor Mr. Herbst advised they can move forward with or without the City's ongoing financial contribution if they extend the date. The County has been clear they will not allow the CRA to extend the date from other taxing authorities (County, Hospital District, Children's Services Council), but the CRA can ask if the City wants to continue to contribute its share of ad valorem.

Such a move would allow the CRA to keep staff according to Mr. Morris, so they can administer the program. Once the projects are complete, however, the maintenance is on the City.

Motion made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Luz, to request that the City begin or continue negotiations with Broward County to extend the CRA past the sunset date to allow for the CRA to complete its ongoing projects, and that the City continues contributing TIF to the CRA until those projects are complete. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

VI. Old/New Business

Mr. Morris informed the board that former board member Judith Scher had passed away and said a card was being passed around. They will send flowers on behalf of the board.

Mr. Morris also said the Mr. Schiavone's mother passed away, and another card is being passed around for that.

- **Election of a New Chair**

Motion made by Mr. Yaari, seconded by Mr. McManus, to appoint Ina Lee as Chair. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Chair Lee said that whoever will be the new Vice Chair needs to have regular attendance.

Motion made by Mr. Yaari, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to appoint Mr. McManus as the Vice Chair. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Ms. Smith asked what was happening with Bokampers because it looks "terrible." Chair Lee asked if Mr. Morris could find out what was going on since it is City-owned land.

Chair Lee announced the next meeting date - February 19, 2018. Mr. Yaari said he could not attend, and asked if the board would thank the City Communication at the next meeting.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

[Minutes transcribed by J. Rubin, Prototype, Inc.]

Attachments:

PowerPoint on the Air Show - Dev Motwani

PowerPoint on the CRA projects - Tom Green

Legal opinion on DC Alexander Park - Donald Morris