



**APPROVED**  
**BEACH REDEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301**  
**Monday, October 1, 2018, 9:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS	FEB 2018/JAN 2019				
	REGULAR MTGS		SPECIAL MTGS		
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Ina Lee, Chair	P	6	0	2	0
Thomas B. McManus, VC	A	3	3	2	0
Art Benochea	P	3	0	0	0
Jason Hughes	P	4	2	1	1
Monty Lalwani (arr. 9:38 a.m.)	P	1	0	0	0
Christian Luz	P	4	2	1	1
Kristen Maus (arr. 9:37 a.m.)	P	3	0	0	0
Tim Schiavone	P	5	1	2	0
Shirley Smith	P	6	0	2	0
Aiton Yaari	A	3	3	1	1

**Staff**

Don Morris, Beach CRA Manager  
 Cija Omengebar, Project Manager  
 Lizeth DeTorres, Administrative Aide  
 Thomas Green, Beach CRA  
 Jamie Opperee, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to City Commission**

**Motion** made by Mr. Yaari, seconded by Mr. Hughes, that the board opposes the closure of Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and State Route A1A during the month of April because that is one of the busiest months of the year with multiple activities and holidays. The board is requesting that construction be delayed to the slower months of the year and to renegotiate with Skanska (contractor).

In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

**I. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – Ina Lee**

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

**Quorum Requirement**

As of this date there were 10 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum. It was noted there was a quorum at the commencement of the meeting.

## **II. Approval of BRB Minutes – Ina Lee**

- **June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting**

**Motion** made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Benochea, to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- **July 16, 2018 BRB Tour Meeting**

**Motion** made by Mr. Benochea, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018, meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

## **III. Beach Projects Update, Thomas Green, Beach CRA**

Mr. Green gave a PowerPoint presentation on the projects.

Using a diagram of the south side of the garage, Mr. Green explained how the garage would look during the day by.

Mr. Green estimated the cost of the garage would be in the range of \$30,000 per parking space.

[Ms. Maus arrived at 9:37 a.m., and Mr. Lalwani arrived at 9:38 a.m.]

In response to a question, Mr. Green commented that the mesh is made of 3/16 stainless steel (Marine grade); material by the same manufacturer has been used successfully in other nearby cities. He described what they have done to prolong its life with applications of coatings and cleaners. He said maintenance will be an issue, and they are aware of what needs to be done.

Mr. Yaari recommended spraying the metal with fresh water and using stainless steel screws to attach the mesh. Mr. Morris said there is a clause in the contract for a maintenance plan from the designers, and maintenance will ultimately be the responsibility of the Parking Division.

Discussion continued regarding measures to be taken to prevent light overflow and prevention of negative environmental impacts of the lighting.

Chair Lee welcomed new member Monty Lalwani.

The community will be alerted as to when the lights will be tested.

Ms. Smith spoke about traffic issues related to preparations for the upcoming boat show, and she wanted to see a policeman directing traffic. Mr. Morris said they would

bring the problem to the attention of Transportation and Mobility and Parks and Recreation. It is not related to the construction. Chair Lee requested that someone from Transportation and Mobility attend future meetings to be aware of what is going on.

Mr. Green then resumed his presentation.

Mr. Yaari strongly opposed closing Las Olas Boulevard in April because it is the busiest month of the year. Mr. Green showed slides of the Festival Street work activity, which will last four months. He explained that they chose April because of the length of the job, the term of the contract, and the need to avoid the boat show.

Mr. Yaari spoke about the slow pace of the construction workers. Mr. Green said there would be an increase in price if they extended the contract.

Other board members chimed in with their opposition to closing State Route A1A in April, suggesting pushing it back at least until after Easter and Passover, and hopefully until June.

Mr. Lalwani also commented on the appearance of laziness among the workers.

Chair Lee stated that the board is concerned about the pace of the project and the work ethic of the contractor, based on direct observations of board members who work there.

#### **IV. Communication to City Commission** (taken out of order)

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In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Morris cautioned that there may be unexpected delays due to issues that are discovered in the field, and tightening the construction timeline may create other problems.

#### **III. Beach Projects Update** (continued from earlier)

Mr. Green estimated that they will be able to close the Oceanside lot in November. When the garage is completely done, Chair Lee proposed hosting an event there.

Points brought up on the Streetscape project included the lighting, the sidewalk, timeline, and signage.

Chair Lee said there needs to be better coordination between the BRB, the projects coming up, and transportation. She also wanted a meeting between Transportation and Mobility, Parks and Recreation, and the BRB. Mr. Lalwani asked that the contractor/developer be present.

Chair Lee commented on the Skanska pull-up banner that is displayed at Friday Night Sound Waves. She wanted to have it at every BRB meeting to remind the board of the long-range project.

Also mentioned was signage on the screening around the Oceanside lot during construction.

Mr. Green concluded his presentation at 10:22 a.m.

Chair Lee suggested having a visual of all the combined projects at each meeting to remind the board of the public/private synergy with the projects happening in the area.

Mr. Morris said they will work the best they can with businesses, understanding the CRA has to meet a time limit. Everybody was informed that these last two years would be filled with construction. He pointed out the difficulties working with private partners.

Regarding coordination of projects, Mr. Morris said that, as an example, they have requested that the Beach Boys Plaza match the quality of their materials with what the BRB is using in front of the Oceanside Park. He emphasized they are coordinating the final look.

## **V. Old/New Business**

Chair Lee recalled a previous Communication to the City Commission requesting an extension to the life of the CRA in order to finish projects if necessary. She met with a new Commissioner who was not aware of that. She wanted to re-send the Communication to the new Commission.

Mr. Morris believed that the Mayor and the City Manager have both discussed the matter with Broward County, and he did not think the County had an issue with extending the CRA.

Mr. Morris explained that the CRAs typically work on a pay-as-you-go basis. It is expected that there will be work that carries over after the CRA is set to expire. As long as the money is in place, the activity can continue. He said he could bring the old Communication to the Commission to the next meeting for editing.

Chair Lee wanted to make sure that Mr. Morris and Mr. Green would continue to work with the CRA.

In addition to the previous Communication, Chair Lee requested an update from the City Manager's office regarding progress on the CRA extension with the County.

Mr. Morris mentioned there are crumbling sidewalks in the Almond Avenue area. He explained that the City has a sidewalk sharing program with private property owners that divides the cost for sidewalk replacement between the City and the property owners. He said that at the end of the fiscal year, the CRA does a close-out where the leftover money is handled one of three ways:

- Apply it to debt service
- Put it into a capital project
- Give it back to the taxing agencies

Mr. Morris proposed that a portion of the close-out dollars be applied to a project that repairs hazardous sidewalks within the CRA. The CRA money can be leveraged with City money. He also mentioned there are drainage issues in that area, but the CRA does not have enough money to address them.

Mr. Morris asked for feedback from the board on the sidewalk repair. If the board agrees, they will move it forward it to the CRA Board of Commissioners. If board members are aware of sidewalks needing repair, contact him and then they will prioritize the repairs. It can be done this year and next year.

**Motion** made by Mr. Lalwani, seconded by Mr. Benocha, to close out the money for identified sidewalks within the CRA based on priority to be determined later. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Chair Lee requested that an official letter be sent to Ms. Laughlin thanking her for her service.

Chair Lee also said she volunteered to be on the Las Olas Mobility Board, and they need an alternate. Mr. Yaari volunteered as the alternate.

Noting that Chair Lee's term limits are approaching, Mr. Yaari wanted to know if there was some way she could stay on until the CRA ends. Chair Lee said that she asked the Mayor for permission to continue on until January, which was granted, but that is it.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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

Attachments:

PowerPoint presentation on Beach projects – Thomas Green