

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

## City Commission Conference Meeting

### *FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION*

*JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner*  
*BRUCE G. ROBERTS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I*  
*DEAN J. TRANTALIS Commissioner - District II*  
*BOBBY B. DuBOSE Commissioner - District III*  
*ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV*

*LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager*  
*JOHN HERBST, City Auditor*  
*JONDA K. JOSEPH, City Clerk*  
*HARRY A. STEWART, City Attorney*

Meeting was called to order at 1:43 P.M. by Mayor Seiler.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 3 - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Commissioner Dean Trantalis, and Commissioner Romney Rogers

**Absent:** 2 – Vice Mayor Bruce G. Roberts (excused) and Commissioner Bobby B. DuBose (excused)

**Also Present:** 5 – City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph, City Attorney Harry A. Stewart, Sergeant At Arms Sergeant Edgar Cruz

## CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

### Events and Matters of Interest

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest, including that Cynthia Everett was the number one ranked applicant for the position of city attorney. An offer will be extended to her today and if an agreement cannot be reached, negotiations would turn to the second ranked applicant, Bob Dunckel.

### Gun Sales, War Memorial Auditorium

Commissioner Trantalis commented that many of the gun shows that take place in Broward County are held at War Memorial Auditorium which is District II. People who reside in the area have sensitivity to the fact that gun sales are taking place. He wanted to know who has authority to regulate that the activity takes place in a confined area, monitored by the police. Mayor Seiler felt there has been a lot of misinformation spread by people. No one has come forward claiming they witnessed a sale occurring in a parking lot. Commissioner Trantalis advised that he witnessed the sale of guns and ammunition in the parking lot, in the back of an SUV. He did not know if background checks were conducted. The City Attorney advised that the Constitution grants counties authority to have time delay and background checks and the City can and does enforce those rules. There are exceptions. The counties cannot regulate the sale of guns to law enforcement officers or people with concealed weapons permits. Referring to the recent gun show, Mayor Seiler indicated that there was a huge enforcement presence from the City and other agencies. Commissioner Trantalis explained that he witnessed a transaction. No police officer approached and asked for a concealed weapons permit or a badge. He did not see any police officer patrolling the area to ask these questions. Mayor Seiler encouraged the Commission to speak directly to the Police Chief. There has been and will continue to be a heavy police presence at the gun shows.

### Solicitation on Rights of Way, Medians

The City Attorney responded to Commissioner Trantalis' questions concerning existing law on this topic. Solicitation on medians is proscribed by state law, but has been held unconstitutional. Commissioner Trantalis concluded that the recently enacted ordinance in the City of Oakland Park concerning solicitation on medians has been held unconstitutional. The City Attorney advised that the City prohibits the sale of products in the right of way. The subject matter of the case found unconstitutional had to do with panhandling. As to sidewalks and swales, there was an artist selling

portraits and artwork that the City limited the individual to a certain business district and the lost the case. However, the case did not address the prohibition of solicitation or sale of products on the beach side, which was a federal court case that because of the unique features and economic engine, the City was allowed to regulate. He confirmed for Commissioner Trantalis that at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard the City can keep people out of the travelways. People have to go into the travelway to get to the vehicle window. It is an enforcement issue.

#### Great American Beach Party, Parking

Commissioner Trantalis commented that Extreme Fitness Gym is concerned that parking in front of the business will be changed to \$20 for the Great American Beach Party. The City Manager explained the City's ordinance allows for a flat meter rate for special events. Commissioner Trantalis pointed out that all businesses on the beach will have the same problem whenever there is a special event. Discussion ensued about availability. Commissioner Trantalis felt it is a situation of driving people out of business. Commissioner Rogers pointed out the option of public transportation, cycling and the need for balance as to the number of special events. Mayor Seiler understood that Extreme Fitness does not have any private parking. The City Manager clarified for City produced events the U parking lot across from the Aquatic Center and the Fort Lauderdale Beach parking lot have a flat rate but onstreet remains at the regular hourly rate. The onstreet parking rate is changed for privately produced events because the producer pays the City for the parking space. Diana Alarcon, Director of Transportation and Mobility, advised in the past onstreet parking spaces have been used for staging, that is, loading and unloading buses. The City Manager indicated that some area businesses benefit from special events while others do not. Commissioner Trantalis was interested in finding a way not to negatively impact these businesses. He supported the City Manager's idea of keeping the regular rate until noon as a compromise. Commissioner Rogers pointed out that people come to the events in the morning. He suggested the businesses buy the spaces at a decided upon rate.

#### International Swimming Hall of Fame, Possible Relocation

Commissioner Trantalis asked what would be the impact to the City if the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) relocates out of the area. Mayor Seiler noted that the City is in the middle of negotiations and he has repeatedly said to the ISHOF executive director, Bruce Wigo, that negotiations are not going to be conducted through the press. At the same time, he also did not wish to negotiate publicly. ISHOF indicated at a Commission meeting that they were satisfied with the redevelopment plan. He attended the last meeting of the ISHOF executive board and there was no discussion about a move. The first he heard about dissatisfaction with the plan and about moving came through the press. He has been told repeatedly that ISHOF is staying and wants to stay. Since ISHOF publicly endorsed the redevelopment plan, there have been relocation offers. He encouraged Commissioner Trantalis to discuss such matters with the City Manager individually. Commissioner Trantalis wanted to know if there is a contingency plan if ISHOF chooses to relocate. The City Manager indicated that the City accommodates their event schedule at the sacrifice of the City's normal programming. If ISHOF relocated, he did not think the viability of the Aquatic Center would be affected. They are not generating revenue that the City is relying upon for the operation of the Aquatic Center. Mayor Seiler indicated that the City does not want ISHOF to relocate.

## **CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**CF-1 13-0727** QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING  
MARCH 31, 2013

No discussion.

**CF-2 13-0763** SCHEDULE OF LARGE USER WASTEWATER TREATMENT RATE COMPUTATION - FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

No discussion.

**CF-3 13-0672** EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE FOR DERELICT VESSEL TOWING AND DISPOSAL - \$37,041.47 from TowBoatUS

In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Manager advised that the City will be applying for reimbursement programs but the upfront money is ultimately the City's responsibility. It would have been possible to go to the County on the matter only if it was a hazard to navigation which was not the case. Commissioner Rogers suggested the vessel size and condition be considered to allow action by the City aside from the normal process. He referred to another similar case in Shady Banks. It was noted that in this case, the dock was being rented. Discussion ensued about imposing a lien on the property owner as well as the particulars about the matter. Commissioner Trantalis wanted to pursue imposing a lien on the property owner. There was Commission consensus agreement.

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager, advised that he has confirmed with Broward County that the Broward Boating Improvement Program will only pay for hazards to navigation. It does include canals. However as long as it is not obstructing forty percent of the waterway, it is not a hazard to navigation.

The City Attorney advised that imposition of a lien on the property is possible and his office has given staff instructions on this matter. Commissioner Rogers requested and Mayor Seiler agreed that this matter be brought back to the Commission for policy consideration. In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Cuba advised there will not be any reimbursement from the County, but \$20,000 is anticipated from Florida Inland Navigation District which is the maximum. The lien would cover the difference.

**CF-4 13-0704** PROPOSED LIEN SETTLEMENTS - SPECIAL MAGISTRATE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD CASES

No discussion.

**CF-5 13-0782** SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL UPDATE

The City Manager advised that discussions with Nova Southeastern University (Nova) are continuing. Nova has furnished cost estimates and the City has retained an independent cost estimator to review that information. Nova's Board of Trustees next meets in September. Broward County has requested the City make a presentation for their historical preservation process to ensure that the planned improvements would be consistent with the County's management plan for this project.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if there is anything that can be done until the fall with respect to vandalism and mold. The City Manager advised that the property is secure with respect to vandalism. Short of installing the flooring and sealing the entire building, the mold will not be stopped. Some dialogue ensued about informally speaking with trustees individually instead of waiting until September. The City Manager advised that the City is looking at their numbers and will then discuss who will finish the building as well as timing for the new building addition and programming inside the main building. The City is about ten days away from completing review of Nova's cost estimates. Commissioner Rogers asked that the presentation before the County on their historical preservation process be scheduled as soon as possible. In response to Commissioner Trantalis, the City Manager believed the cost estimates are in the ballpark.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS****BUS-5 13-0700 CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN SETTLEMENT OFFER - 1200 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY - Cases CE10011228 (reopened as CE 12060881), and CE09091691, CE09092138, CE11091081 and CE12020025 - \$21,235.76**

The City Manager advised that the last formal offer he received was for \$12,000. It was unclear whether it included the hard cost liens of some \$9,000 for boarding up and cleaning the property.

Glenn Leonard of Leonard & Morrison, P.A., representing James Bradley Fazio, property owner, advised that the last offer was ten percent of the fine plus hard costs. They have always been willing to pay the hard costs. The offer is the \$20,000 fine plus hard costs. Bill Leonard of Leonard & Morrison, P.A. noted that the hard costs as shown in the Commission's backup are \$3,705, \$2,437.61, \$1,483.66 and \$769.49 for a total of \$28,395.76 (Commission Agenda Memorandum 13-0700). There was no objection. The City Attorney advised that this will need to be added to the regular meeting agenda.

In response to Commissioner Trantalis, Mr. Bill Leonard advised that there is a closing on the sale of this property on May 30. The buyer has indicated in writing that the building will be removed in June. If that does not occur, Mr. Fazio has indicated he will be responsible for the demolition by August 31 of 2013. Mr. Fazio was present and indicated this is correct.

**BUS-1 13-0546 DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE WALKABILITY STUDY**

Eric Czerniejewski, Transportation Manager, noted this study was presented by Jeff Speck in February. Short-term projects (twelve to eighteen months) (Just Do It Projects) as well as some that have already been completed are outlined in Exhibit 1 of Commission Agenda Memorandum 13-0546. A copy of Exhibit 1 is attached to these minutes.

At Commissioner Rogers' request, Mr. Czerniejewski offered to provide a more detailed list available that he offered to provide. As to painting bike lanes green and Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) concern about maintenance, Mr. Czerniejewski indicated there is a paint product being used in Santa Monica that is lasting five years. Staff is working with Broward County and FDOT on that product. He referred to Broward Boulevard Mobility projects slated to start construction in July of 2015. Those would be the first. The City will need to convince the County and FDOT that they will not be maintenance intensive. He mentioned that the Super Committee for Complete Streets is discussing a stretch of Pine Island Boulevard and whether the bike lanes should be painted green. This shows that the question of what areas warrant green bike lanes is being discussed at a County and FDOT level.

In response to Commissioner Trantalis, Mr. Czerniejewski advised at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, people are now respecting the bike lane line since it has been painted. Commissioner Trantalis referred to Dixie Highway and the safety concern. Mr. Czerniejewski advised that speed limits are being evaluated on all Complete Streets projects. Commissioner Rogers felt the issue of speed should be incorporated into the Walkability Study.

Commissioner Rogers referred to page 2 of Exhibit 1 and asked if the Downtown Development Authority is in agreement with the recommendations as they would relate to the WAVE Streetcar Project, that being converting Brickell Avenue to two-lanes. Chris Wren, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority, advised that one of the design decisions to be reviewed is

two-laning Brickell Avenue. Also, bike lanes are contemplated at all stops even though they may not connect until the future. The two-laning of Brickell Avenue will have to be studied and is slated for such study.

**BUS-2 13-0606 AVAILABLE CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES - RELEASE REQUEST  
FOR PROPOSAL TO OUTSOURCE REAL ESTATE SERVICES**

The City Manager indicated that Commission DuBose requested this item be deferred until he would be in attendance on June 4.

Commissioner Rogers thought the City should address the management of what was handled in the former Real Estate Division separately from the sale of properties. The City Manager clarified the sequence. He also clarified for Commissioner Trantalis that both real estate management and selling of surplus properties are recommended to be handled externally. The goal would be to put in place a commercial real estate brokerage and property management firm in place that does both functions within their firm. Once the RFP is awarded, the firm would be handling each function independently. However, two RFP's could be issued. Mayor Seiler noted that when this matter will be considered on June 4 and Commissioner Rogers' suggestion.

**BUS-3 13-0511 WAVE STREETCAR PROJECT UPDATE**

Chris Wren, Downtown Development Authority Executive Director, indicated that Commissioner Rogers has been fielding questions from the community and wanted more detail on this project. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and City are working together on this project and the DDA is handling the outreach effort. Outreach was started about three years ago. Over two hundred meetings have been conducted, in addition to flyers, emails and so forth. The DDA found that the community growing in the downtown envisions there would be infrastructure such as an electric streetcar. There is a list of the past and planned outreach meetings and a list of those opposing the assessment and why (Commission Memorandum 13-0333, Exhibit 3). Residents are being asked to pay 14 percent of the project cost. He noted the boundary lines of the assessment district and that a question from the Caribbean Townhomes on their property being split is being looked into. The legal description is being verified. The DDA is contacting all of the downtown condominium and major commercial property owners again. He noted the timeline from this point forward, with a City Commission public hearing on June 4, mail notices to individual property owners, a community-wide workshop and another public hearing finalizing the process on July 9. Assessment amounts are starting at \$99 per residential unit, 9 cents per square foot for commercial property and 3 cents per square foot for vacant property. He indicated that as new development comes online, the rates will come down. Also, individuals in this assessment will not be assessed for future extensions.

Commissioner Rogers asked if the 14 percent is what is the remainder from what is not covered by participating governmental entities. Seattle assessed 50 percent to residents and Portland assessed 38 percent to residents. In further response to Commissioner Rogers, he was not aware of cities that have not assessed anything, but reasoned they probably exist. He offered to find out the assessment percentage in Charlotte. In some scenarios, the startup links were mostly financed by the local city. Commissioner Rogers asked about the logic on the rates for commercial and vacant property. Camille Tharpe of Government Services Group, explained that the just value of all properties in the area was tallied. The proportionate share for each of the three categories was then divided into the amount needed to get the rate for each. Commercial properties were about 61 percent of the just value of the area. This was divided by the commercial square footage. The same calculation was made for the two other categories of residential and vacant. This will be re-evaluated each year. As properties are developed, the share for vacant property will diminish. The evaluation did not include land under a

building, but only the improvement on the building. She referred to one of the more stronger court cases on redevelopment in Boca Raton. They used value to apportion the cost of the improvements being made. It would be advisable to retain a firm such as Government Services Group every four or five years to make sure everything is in line. New information was not invented for this assessment. The information is maintained by the Property Appraiser and is readily available at no cost. Commissioner Rogers asked if Government Services Group has ever developed this type of assessment for an operating system that is expanding. Ms. Tharpe described a scenario of an existing water treatment plant that is adding lines. There is no text book example. It needs to be specific to the City's situation. The first phase is the most difficult. Future phases will only involve incremental costs. Commissioner Rogers questioned the equity if the incremental cost is only being assessed to the new line and the front-end is being absorbed by those present for the start. Ms. Tharpe felt the best approach is to pursue funding from other sources as much as possible. Fourteen percent is a small part of the total project. Knowing that all phases benefit by the size being increased,

Commissioner Rogers asked if there is a way to level the playing field and apportion those costs. Ms. Tharpe commented in Palm Beach Gardens the amount of tax increment that came about from the new development toward repayment of the bonds which resulted in a reduced assessment. There are a number of creative ideas that could come forth. After this phase, financing could change in the future because there are a lot of variables. Mr. Wren responded to Commissioner Rogers' question of what if future phases do not occur. Two things could occur. Everything would have to be recomputed because the project would be scaled back. Or, there may be other local partners that want to see the project built. If it is not built, the assessment will be returned and such language could be added to the legislation. However, the City Manager indicated such language could impair financing of the bonds. It is important that the assessments alone support the debt service and that the City not be asked to create a secondary pledge. It should be structured to ensure if it is not built, the debt will be retired.

Mayor Seiler pointed out that the not-for-profits will benefit. They could transfer property to a for-profit which would greatly benefit. Ms. Tharpe advised for other types of capital assessments, there are typically not exemptions. Mayor Seiler wanted to take the same approach. Ms. Tharpe noted it is not possible to assess or impose a lien on government property, thus a method to charge these properties will have to be figured out if they have not already contributed to the program. These properties come to about \$46,000. Examples are special districts, Broward College Foundation, Housing Authority, and Broward House. There are also those properties currently being excluded from the fire assessment. They include churches and not-for-profits. These represent \$50,000. Commissioner Rogers pointed out that First Baptist Church is about \$20,000 alone. Ms. Tharpe noted another group would include the Broward County Bar Association, Dan Marino Foundation's parking garage, Habitat for Humanity's warehouses. Commissioner Trantalis viewed these are non-profits that are conducting a commercial enterprise. Ms. Tharpe advised that only some are exempt from the fire assessment. For all of these groups, the total is \$133,000 annually. She confirmed that the recommendation contemplates these groups will be included in the assessment.

Commissioner Rogers noted it is illegal for a not-for-profit to convert to a for-profit with their current assets. The only benefit for a not-for-profit is ability to borrow more as their property value increased. He did not see how a special benefit aligns with those properties if it merely based on the increase because of the zoning district. They cannot sell property for the purposes of cashing in and checking out. Commissioner Trantalis commented that aside from property values, not-for-profits will benefit from actual use of the Wave and capital costs will be subsidized by others in the affected area. Mayor Seiler noted a similar example is that the Housing Authority that uses all City resources and does not pay any taxes or fire assessment. Profit is being taken. There are private partners in every project. Residents in these projects are not on the tax rolls. Commissioner Rogers questioned how this is any different than the investment made in Sistrunk. Commissioner Trantalis explained the difference is

that the environment has been enhanced to attract more business development. It is different from allowing not-for-profits a free pass. Commissioner Rogers felt there are unique circumstances to be examined. The playing field cannot be completely leveled. Ms. Tharpe suggested a percentage exemption could be considered across the board. That amount would have to be paid from the City's other available revenue.

Note: The meeting recessed at 3:42 p.m. and reconvened at 3:54 p.m. for Mayor Seiler to meet with the first ranked candidate for the position of city attorney for purposes of negotiating compensation.

**BUS-4 13-0751 PURCHASE OF RIVERMONT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1016  
WAVERLY ROAD - LAND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT -  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The City Manager advised that the City has been awarded a Land Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$200,000 for acquisition of property that requires a \$200,000 match. The property price is a little over \$1 million. It is owned by Regions Bank (Bank). The Bank's real estate agent, Halliday Group, is trying to raise private funds to assist the City in this acquisition. Commission direction is being sought as to whether to accept the grant and provide the match.

Mayor Seiler wanted the full Commission to consider this item. He went on to elaborate upon his support of the acquisition. Commissioner Rogers concurred. He felt the City should do everything possible for other grant sources and negotiate with the Bank. Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded to Commissioner Trantalis' question about potential funding left in Broward County Parks Bond Program, indicating there is only money identified for Middle River Terrace Park Addition. Commissioner Trantalis commented about complications with the Middle River endeavor. He did not think it will be possible to expend the money for that purpose and therefore wanted to know about using it here. The City Manager advised that the County's position in the past has been that if the funds are not spent for Middle River, it goes back to the County for redistribution based upon the County's priorities. Mayor Seiler wanted staff to secure a deferral until June 20 to make a decision and during that time the City could explore funding sources.

The City Manager pointed out that there is an existing historic structure on the site that would need to be rehabilitated. Mr. Thornburg advised there is a house and an Indian midden. Rehabilitation of the house up to code is estimated at about \$300,000. Mayor Seiler did not want to expend funds to bring the structure up to code because it will not be occupied. He wanted to be clear that the City committing to the park does not mean in any way it is committing to the historic preservation project of the house. Paul Boggess of Sailboat Bend Civic Association agreed to communicate this fact. Mayor Seiler suggested the association meet before June 20, in order to avoid any misunderstanding. Mr. Thornburg indicated he would also have to confirm that not including rehabilitation of house does not impact the grant. Commissioner Trantalis asked about parking and Mayor Seiler explained that there is onstreet parking; Lauderdale Park is next door. Mr. Boggess advocated for acquisition of the property for park purposes. It is a historical site with Indian remains there. There are only a few people in Sailboat Bend that would object to the structure remaining. Commissioner Trantalis supported acquisition. The City Auditor advised that the remainder of the funding is contingent upon fundraising from the community. He noted that in the case of South Side School expectations in the community were raised about completing the project but funding had not been identified at the onset. He was concerned about the expectation that the City would have to pay the balance.

A brief discussion took place on programming of the area. Mayor Seiler felt it should be quite limited, simply waterfront features. Mr. Boggess concluded his comments by saying that he believed the Association will be more accepting going forward. It is understood that everything cannot be



preserved, but demolition by neglect should not be tolerated.

## **BUS-6 13-0785            UPCOMING 2013 CITY COMMISSION MEETING DATES**

The City Manager indicated that this would be the date that the budget is presented and it would be helpful to have an additional week. Mayor Seiler suggested and there was consensus for the budget and the Wave Streetcar special assessment to be considered on the evening of July 9, with the regular and conference meeting on July 2. The City Manager noted that the meeting cannot technically be moved until the June 18 meeting. There was also consensus to move the September meetings to September 10 and 24. For the fire assessment, September 12 was decided upon.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

None

## **EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION**

**13-0764                    THE CITY COMMISSION SHALL MEET PRIVATELY PURSUANT TO  
FLORIDA STATUTE 768.28 (16) CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:**

WAYNE SWENSON (CASE WC-04-12358)

Note: The City Commission convened the Executive Closed Door Session at 4:22 p.m. and continued the conference meeting with Item BD-1 at 4:44 p.m.

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**BD-1    13-0685            COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION AND MINUTES  
CIRCULATED - period ending May 16, 2013**

### Middle River South Middle River Sunrise Boulevard Redevelopment Advisory Board

**Motion made by member Vonder Meulen and seconded by member Maleta**, to make a request for City or CDBG funding in the amount of \$207,500 from the 2014 budget for a Façade Improvement Program in the amount of \$200,000 and \$7,500 for the installation of 3 donated statues. Statues will not be installed in the medians. **Motion** passed 9 to 2. (against – Maleta and Jones)

In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Manager believed the original installation cost was not borne by the City. He went on to note the timeline for the Commission to decide on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding awards. CDBG funding has been utilized in the Northwest Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) area. An agreement was reached with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that CRA funding being used to repay HUD became part of the CDBG line of credit for programs within the CRA. In other words money in the line of credit is for CDBG projects in the Northwest CRA. Assuming the area is income eligible, façade improvements would be a permitted use of the funds. He believed this Board would like to use CDBG funds since it has not tax increment financing (TIF) funds. The City Manager confirmed for Commissioner Rogers that CDBG funding requests are considered by the Community Services Board. The Commission also has the authority to reprogram unspent CDBG dollars after a public hearing is held without going before the Community Services Board. There are other competing interests for CDBG dollars. Mayor Seiler requested more details on the Façade Improvement Program request.

In response to Mayor Seiler's question about the statues originally being placed in the median, the City Attorney indicated he was opposed to the concept and his office did not draft any language on it. Commissioner Trantalis advised that there has been discussion at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Alliance meetings about other locations. This issue is in flux. Mayor Seiler requested the minutes relating to the statue installation be provided and more details in general. The City Attorney offered to confirm that nothing was drafted by his office.

#### Historic Preservation Board

**Motion made by Ms. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Morgan**, to send the following communication to the City Commission: The intent of the HPB is not to jeopardize the adaptive reuse of Southside School by NOVA University, however, the HPB would like the City to explore designating the other physical structures on the site. In a voice vote, **motion** passed unanimously.

The City Manager advised that there is a pump station and utility shed located on the site. Commissioner Rogers indicated it is no longer functional. He did not think designation should just be based on age. Nova Southeastern University (Nova) has indicated they would like to preserve the pump house and make an art studio out of it. He did not think Nova should have to go through the Historic Preservation Board for approval. It is a block structure. He wanted to focus on the school.

#### Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board

**Motion was made by Richard Zaden** to communicate to the Commission the need for more multi-purpose fields, including possible synthetic fields and lights, and to request priority in the next budget (FY2014) based on staff recommendations for efficient use of the parks. **Brad Hubert seconded the motion**. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler agreed with the Board, but it comes down to funding. Commissioner Rogers thought it would be helpful for a conference discussion on park usage in the interest of efficiency. Mayor Seiler was interested in a partnership with the School Board to maximize use of public school fields. The City Manager indicated the City's position with the School Board is that there should be reciprocal use with no compensation and the School Board does not agree. There is a workshop planned in June and he will be attending. Mayor Seiler felt the full Commission needs to get involved in this issue. He commented that School Board members as well as the superintendent seem to be in favor of reciprocation however there seems to be a disconnection when speaking with City staff. The City Manager advised that School Board policy is that each individual principal has sole power. He felt individual discussions between members of the Commission and School Board members before their workshop in June. At Mayor Seiler's request, there was consensus agreement, authorizing a letter under the Mayor's signature to be sent to the School Board, requesting a reciprocal arrangement.

#### **BD-2 13-0686 BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Bradley Deckelbaum (Commissioner Trantalis – Reappointment)

Edwin P. Parke (Consensus – Reappointment)

Mandy Spangler Bartle (Consensus – Reappointment)

Historic Preservation Board

Gretchen Gettemy Thompson (Mayor Seiler – Reappointment)

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.