

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

2:30 PM

**OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
City Commission Conference Room**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

***FORT LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS***

***DEAN J. TRANTALIS - Chair
BEN SORENSEN - Vice Chair
HEATHER MORAITIS - Commissioner - District I
STEVEN GLASSMAN - Commissioner - District II
ROBERT L. McKINZIE - Commissioner - District III***

***CHRIS LAGERBLOOM, Executive Director
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, Secretary
ALAIN E. BOILEAU, General Counsel***

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trantalis called the Community Redevelopment Agency Board (CRA) Meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 3 - Vice Chair Ben Sorensen, Commissioner Steven Glassman, and Chair Dean J. Trantalis
- Excused** 2 - Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, and Commissioner Heather Moraitis

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Also Present: Executive Director Chris Lagerbloom, Secretary Jeffrey A. Modarelli, General Counsel Alain E. Boileau, City Auditor John Herbst, and Sergeant at Arms Heather Lee

BOARD REPORTS

BR-1 [19-0146](#) Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

Chair Trantalis recognized Don Morris, Economic and Beach Redevelopment Area Manager - Beach Area Community Redevelopment Agency (Beach Area CRA). Mr. Morris updated the Board on the Las Olas Boulevard Garage (Garage) façade lighting system. He discussed the impact of the Garage's fifth floor lighting on neighbors which will be remedied with a shield.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding directional signage at Garage, Mr. Morris explained details regarding ongoing work with the Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM) to address signage. Discussion ensued on a parking demand management system and is expected to be operational in nine to twelve months.

Chair Trantalis recognized Ben Rogers, Deputy Director of Transportation and Mobility. Mr. Rogers confirmed the availability of two resident beach parking permits, one for Garage parking only (\$50.00 per month) and one for parking in defined surface parking (\$24.00 per year). He explained that TAM is examining a possible tiered system for beach resident Garage permits and other beach permit parking modifications. The estimated completion date for the top level of the Garage is mid-June 2019.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question about Garage usage, Mr. Morris discussed efforts to identify the Garage as a public parking facility. Commissioner Glassman inquired about incentives promoting usage. Mr. Morris said this option could be examined by TAM Staff. Further comment and discussion ensued on Garage usage.

Chair Trantalis recognized Thomas Green, Senior CRA Project Manager. Mr. Green gave an update on the Oceanside Park, confirming construction is ongoing and commenting on details. In response to Chair Trantalis' question, Mr. Green explained details regarding process specific trees and their timely relocation commencing with the start of construction on Las Olas Boulevard. Further comments and discussion ensued. Chair Trantalis requested that they remain in the beach area. Commissioner Glassman concurred. Mr. Morris confirmed.

In response to Commissioner Glassman's question regarding the D.C. Alexander Park timeline, Mr. Morris confirmed the timeline as approximately four weeks. Preceding this update, it would be presented for review to a joint meeting of the Beach Redevelopment Board and Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board, followed by presentation to the Central Beach Alliance. Chair Trantalis noted the need to accelerate the timeline.

In response to Chair Trantalis, Mr. Morris confirmed completion of the 60% Design Phase of the Aquatic Complex (Project). Mr. Green expounded on the completion of the 60% Design Phase by the design-build contractor, Hensel Phelps Construction Company, and coordinated review by CRA Staff, Parks and Recreation and Aquatic Complex representatives. He also explained the status of the 30% Design Phase which had been submitted to the Development Review Committee (DRC). Mr. Morris confirmed an update would be provided to each Commission member. The groundbreaking is targeted for mid-April 2019. Further comment and discussion ensued.

MOTIONS

M-2 [19-0126](#)

Motion to Approve Additional Funding to the Transportation Management Authority for Sun Trolley Services in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights ("NPF") Area - \$136,752

City Manager Lagerbloom provided an overview.

Chair Trantalis recognized Robyn Chiarelli, Executive Director - Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association. In response to Chair Trantalis' question regarding increasing expenses and

the decreased Sun Trolley ridership, Ms. Chiarelli explained factors involved with operational costs. Comment and discussion ensued on other transportation methods.

Chair Trantalis recognized Greg Stuart, Executive Director of the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Mr. Stuart confirmed the need to provide fixed transit in the NWPFH neighborhood, commenting on the viability of other possible modes of transportation. He noted that fixed transportation ridership is down nationally, expounding on details. Further comment and discussion ensued on alternative methods of transportation, Sun Trolley ridership and operational details. Ms. Chiarelli explained how this funding request would impact Sun Trolley service in the NWPFH CRA. Mr. Stuart expounded on his support of funding this item.

Further comment and discussion ensued on other areas of Sun Trolley service which would be candidates for on-demand transportation services. Commissioner Glassman commented on the need to consider incorporating other transportation services in all areas. Mr. Stuart confirmed the need for a holistic review of the entire transportation system and available options.

Vice Chair Sorensen confirmed his support of this item and the need to look at additional transportation options. Mr. Stuart confirmed ongoing efforts to holistically address transportation needs.

Vice Chair Sorensen made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Glassman.

APPROVED

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman and Chair Trantalis

Excused: 2 - Commissioner McKinzie and Commissioner Moraitis

M-1 [19-0197](#)

Motion to Approve Minutes for January 22, 2019 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Meeting

Commissioner Glassman made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Vice Chair Sorensen.

APPROVED

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Sorensen, Commissioner Glassman and Chair Trantalis

Excused: 2 - Commissioner McKinzie and Commissioner Moraitis

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trantalis adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Chair

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
CRA Secretary