



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 – 3:30 PM
CRA OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
914 NW 6 STREET, SUITE 200, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL
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Cumulative Attendance
September 2023-August 2024

Board Members	Present/Absent	Present	Absent
Troy Liggett, Chair	P	3	0
Carlton Smith, Vice Chair	P	7	0
Edward Catalano	P	8	0
Linda Fleischman	P	8	0
Justin Greenbaum (until 4:33pm)	P	8	0
Christina Robinson (until 4:55pm)	P	7	1
Nikola Stan	P	8	0
Bobby Tinoco	P	1	0

Staff:

Cija Omengebar, CRA Planner/Liaison
Clarence Woods, CRA Manager
Tania Bailey-Watson, CRA Senior Administrative Assistant
Adam Schnell, Urban Planner III

Others:

Antoinette Wright, SMRCA
Patrick Ceres, Lion Point Engineering
Stacey Smith
Marie McGinley, Central City Alliance
Randall Klett, MRTNA
Karen Cruitt, Recording Secretary, Prototype Inc.

Communication to the City Commission:

MOTION made by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Mr. Smith, to inform the City Commission that the Advisory Board has worked with the neighborhoods to receive input and then considered how they would like the Commission to return funds: \$941,000 to Incentives and \$1.3 million to the Capital Improvements Project. In a voice vote, motion **passed 6-0** with Ms. Robinson and Mr. Greenbaum having left the meeting.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Board members recited the pledge of allegiance.

II. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. Roll was called, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- February 22, 2024 Special Workshop
- March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Mr. Stan to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024 Special Workshop. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Mr. Greenbaum to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2024 regular meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

IV. Chair and Board Member Reports

Board members introduced themselves.

Mr. Smith stated the Archways building had been painted and they were adding a mural.

Chair Liggett made sure everyone had a copy of the CRA's annual report and said this may give them ideas of things to pursue in the Central City CRA. Mr. Liggett said there was a City-owned lot on the 1200 block of NE 5th Avenue that the neighborhood had considered for a park but nothing had come of it, adding it was also discussed at this Board at the time and he wanted to discuss possible development for the lot on a future agenda. Mr. Woods recalled the idea of having a park was not consistent with what everyone wanted to see and the idea was to put it out where the adjacent property could potentially buy it from the CRA or the City to do some sort of development. Ms. Omengebar added the CCRAB had recommended holding off on any decision until the rezoning was done. Mr. Greenbaum confirmed he thought it made sense for the rezoning to be done before doing anything. He said if CRA could acquire the lot to the east and make a pedestrian pathway to make connectivity better. Chair Liggett asked if the City could convey it to the CRA. Mr. Woods said the City could transfer it to the CRA, adding it would better if there was some sort of development because it would go on the tax roll. Mr. Liggett asked to have it looked at and brought back with a plan. Mr. Greenbaum said the land next to this was vacant and ideally once the rezoning happened, something substantial would happen in that area depending on what was allowed.

Chair Liggett recalled a discussion regarding conflicts of interest and the Board's packets included input from the Assistant City Attorney regarding what constituted a conflict. He also described the rules for people who were members of more than one neighborhood association. Ms. Robinson said she had brought up the conflict issue because members of the Central City Alliance [CCA], of which Chair Liggett was a member, could apply for commercial grants for their businesses worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, and Chair Liggett could be in a position on this Board to approve the grants from the CRA. This was why she did not feel comfortable attending the CCA meetings anymore. She thought if she were a member of the CCA board, she should recuse herself from any grant vote on the CCRAB that benefitted the CCA. Chair Liggett said the City Attorney had explained clearly what constituted a conflict and he did not have any of those. Mr. Smith thought this was an appropriate time to discuss this, since it had not actually occurred yet.

V. Live Local & Affordable Housing Discussion

Adam Schnell, Urban Planner III, Urban Design & Development

Mr. Schnell gave a Power Point presentation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for the public record.

Mr. Greenbaum said he did not want to see all large-scale developments in the area be Live Local units; he felt there should be a mix of market rate and workforce housing. Mr. Woods noted that “market rate” was different in different areas. Mr. Schnell stated there had been inquiries but no plans for Live Local development in the CRA. Mr. Schnell said every jurisdiction made its own determination regarding “affordable” housing. The income level for Live Local housing was 120% of Median Family Income or lower. Antoinette Wright, SMRCA, noted that Live Local required 40% of the units to be available at 120% and asked if it assumed the other 60% would be market rate. Mr. Schnell said they could always provide additional affordable units but were only required to make 40% of the units affordable.

Mr. Klett asked what rents would be, based on the 120% and Mr. Schnell said at 120% a studio would rent for \$2,000 per month, a one-bedroom for \$2,160, a two-bedroom for \$2,592 and a three-bedroom for \$2,995.

Mr. Greenbaum asked if, because Live Local properties’ taxes were abated, the CRA would get no TIFF funds. Mr. Woods stated he was not sure and neither was anyone else right now. He said the TIFF was based on property tax increases from a base year. He noted that tax abatement was a rebate; the taxes must be paid first, so the owners would not be rebated for the TIFF portion.

Mr. Schnell stated other local requirements, such as setbacks, could be enforced with Live Local development.

VI. Capital Improvement Project Discussion

Ms. Omengabar gave a Power Point presentation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for the public record.

Ms. Omengabar said they were in the process of identifying the CRA’s capital improvement funds. Chair Liggett said they had \$2.3 million left over from prior years and needed to determine how much to dedicate to business incentives and how much to use for capital projects, while considering future planning.

Board members discussed Option 1 and Option 2. Ms. Omengabar confirmed this was for streetscapes, which included furniture, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping. Marie McGinley, CCA, asked if this would include storm drains and Mr. Woods said if there were no storm drains, the road could be improved with storm drainage.

Motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to adopt Option 2 for our streetscape design standards to procure what we need to proceed. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Redevelopment Plan Amendment Discussion

Mr. Woods stated their current plan was good enough until they had the vision for where they wanted to go with the new land use amendment. Mr. Klett said doing more than one thing at the same time would just delay everything. He pointed out that lots on the east side of NE 4th Avenue between 12th Street and 13th Street were not large enough to redevelop. If they changed the underlying land use to add 5th Avenue this would be big enough to redevelop. One redevelopment project could add \$40 million in tax increments, providing the CRA funding to work with.

VIII. Programs and Project Updates

1) Commercial Incentive Program

Ms. Omengabar stated there was still one project pending. Chair Liggett said only two incentives have ever been granted. One had been turned down because the developer thought it was too much trouble. The other applicant was made to pay most of it back because she had sold the property. Chair Liggett wanted the Board to discuss the program requirements to encourage more applicants. Mr. Woods said there had not been much money in the redevelopment trust fund for 12 years; last year they had received their first million dollars.

Ms. Omengabar agreed to provide data on residential applications. Mr. Woods agreed to provide the last five years of the Central City CRA budget.

2) Façade and Landscape Program

Ms. Omengabar said she had two interested parties.

3) NE 4th Avenue Improvement Project

Ms. Omengabar had provided the project manager's report to Board members. She said they had started work on the west side and they wanted to complete the work by June. Chair Liggett had spoken about this project with Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, and Director Rogers promised the project would be substantially completed by June 1, 2024.

4) Rezoning Project

Ms. Omengabar said staff was working on it and she planned to put something out this month. She would be setting up neighborhood association meetings as soon as possible.

5) Road Closure Lights Installation Project

Ms. Omengabar said they were only waiting for FPL.

IX. Old/New Business

• Miscellaneous

Chair Liggett said the beacon at the 13th Street circle needed \$20,000 - \$30,000 in repairs. The CCA wanted to hire consultants to prepare a repair plan and they wanted the CRA to provide the money for the repairs. Ms. McGinley argued that the beacon was an iconic piece of sculpture in the City and they should repair it. She remarked that they did not

really know who owned it. The roundabout was City property and the City allowed the beacon to be installed. Ms. McGinley said they were hoping for a grant to cover repairs. She said the CCA did not want to put out the money for the consultants to determine a repair plan without a plan for funding the repairs. Mr. Woods said if the expense does not exceed \$100,000, it could potentially be a call up to the CRA Board and suggested Ms. McGinley provide a proposal. Chair Liggett asked if it needed a motion. Mr. Woods suggested it can be brought back for discussion.

- May Agenda Recommendations
 - a. Rezoning Proposal Permitted Uses Presentation

Chair Liggett wanted to add parking requirements and setbacks to the rezoning discussion.

Chair Liggett asked what they could do to encourage hiring someone to assist Ms. Omengebar. Mr. Woods agreed to find out.

X. Communication to City Commission

Chair Liggett wanted to communicate to the City Commission the amounts they had arrived at during the workshop.

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XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on May 1, 2024.

CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY BOARD 4/3/24

V.CIP DISCUSSION

VI.CC PLAN DISCUSSION



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- ✓ INITIATED, DISCUSSED CIP PLAN
- ✓ ENGAGED NEIGHBORS THROUGH SURVEY
- ✓ PROJECT TYPESURVEY RESULTS (86)
 - ✓ *57 NEIGHBOR RESPONDENTS*
 - ✓ *25 SMRCA EXERCISE*
 - ✓ *4 CCRAB EXERCISE*

DATA

- **2/22/24 CCRAB Special Workshop**
- **1/31/24 SMRCA Meeting**
- **2/27/24 SMRCA Exercise**
- **2/15/24 MRTNA List Feedback**
- **2/3/24 CCA Letter to the City**



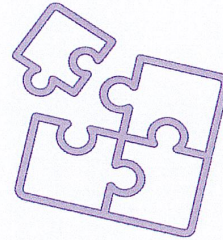
ACTIONS

REVIEW
SURVEY RESULTS

SELECT
LOCATIONS

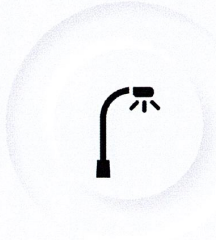


SURVEY RESULTS



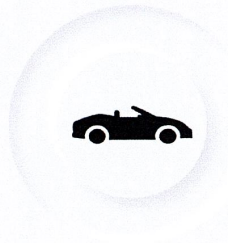
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325 points



02 Roadway Lighting

300 Points



03 Traffic Calming

247 Points



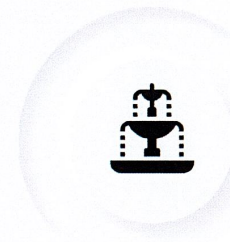
04 Landscaping

229 Points



05 Underground Utilities

209 Points



06 Gateway Markers

101 Points

➤ AVOID SUPPLANTING

- Sidewalks on NW 7TH Avenue and NW 16 Street
- City "Request A New Streetlight" program.

Planned



Sidewalk

Existing Program



Lighting

➤ FOCUS

CC Plan, p.II-10

- Traffic Circulation
- Environmental Quality
- Community Facilities

- Movement
- Safety
- Infrastructure
(drainage, water, sewer)

Needs

- 1) Sidewalk
- 2) Lighting *
- 3) Traffic Calming
- 4) Landscaping
- 5) Underground Utilities
- 6) Gateway Markers

LOCATIONS

***NW 7 Terrace**

Between NW 16th St and NW 13th St.

New school sidewalk,
lighting

***NW 11 ST**

Between 9th Ave and NW 4 Ave

Sidewalk, new school
sidewalk, lighting

***NW 12 ST**

Between NW 7 Terr and Andrews Ave

Sidewalk, new school
sidewalk, lighting

NE 12 ST

between NE 9 Ave around bend

Sidewalk

NW 4 AVE

between NW 13 St and Sunrise Blvd.

Sidewalk, lighting

NW 13 ST

Between NW 9th Ave and NE 5 Terr

lighting

NW 6 AVE

between NW 13 St and Sunrise Blvd.

Sidewalk

NE 2 AVE

between NW 13 ST and Sunrise Blvd.

New school sidewalk

NW 7 AVE*

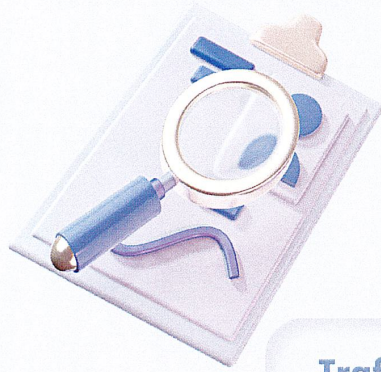
Sidewalk, lighting, traffic
island diverters

NW 16 ST *

South end between 9th Ave and 7th Ave

Sidewalk, lighting

ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK



Sidewalks

- NE 11 Street
- NE 12 Street

Streetlights

- NE 4th Ave from NE 13 St to high school
- NE 13 St between 9 Ave and 11th Ave

Storm drainage

- NE 5 Terr between NE 11 St and NE 13 St
- Connect drains on NE 12 Terr to storm drain
- NE 11th St
- NE 7 Ave

Landscaping

- NE 12 Street
- NE 13 St between 9 Ave and 12 Ave
(Parks programming suggestion)

Traffic Calming

- NE 12 Street
- NE 13 St between 9 Ave and 12 Ave

Improve bike lanes

- Raised
- At NE 18th Street
- At Major streets
- Add to NE 13th St at NE 9th Ave to 11th st

Miscellaneous

- Add median on Andrews Ave from NE 13 St to Sunrise Blvd
- Open blocked streets
- Replace art at 13 roundabout
- Speed bumps
- Turning Lane



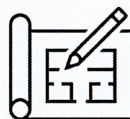
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OPTION 1



PLANNING PHASE

DEFINE WHAT, WHERE,
& SECURE BUY IN FROM
STAKEHOLDERS.



DESIGN PHASE

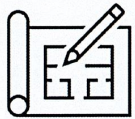
IRON OUT PROJECT PLAN DETAILS:
PROCUREMENT PROCESS,
COLLABORATION, SECURE TEAM.



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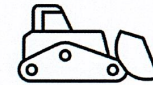
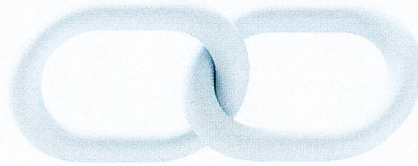
ETA APPROXIMATELY
ONE YEAR OUT.

OPTION 2



STREETSCAPE DESIGN STANDARDS

ESTABLISH UNIFORM LOOK FOR ENTIRE
AREA FROM STAKHOLDERS.
DEVELOP SCOPE, PROCURE CONSULTANT,
HOLD COMMUNITY MEETINGS.



BID PROJECT

CONTINGENT ON AVAILABILITY OF
FUNDS: EITHER ENTIRE PROJECT OR
IN SECTIONS.

CENTRAL CITY PLAN

AMENDMENT

DISCUSSION



01

Discussion

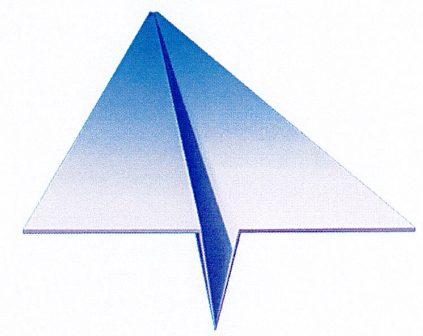
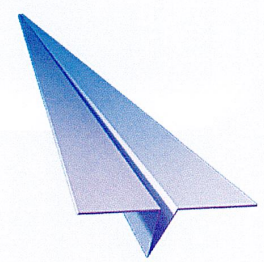
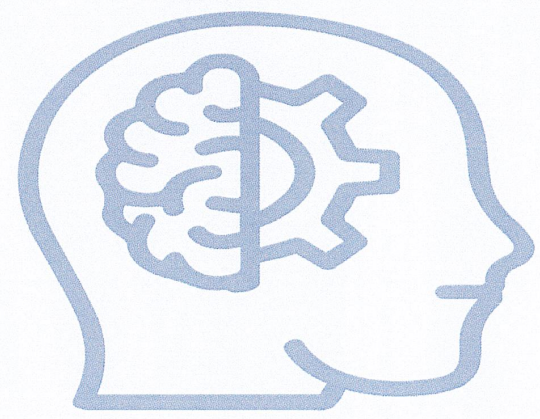
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Staff
Recommendation

03

Final thoughts

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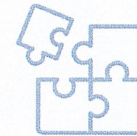


PAUSE AND
REEVALUATE WHERE
WE ARE

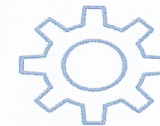


REZONING

Let it Work



**PROGRAMS
PROJECTS**



PLAN

Reevaluate



Revise

PLAN



CREDITS



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VI. Capital Improvement Project Discussion **Cija Omengebar
CRA Planner**

Supporting Documents:

- Prioritizing Types of Projects Overview
- Online survey exercise and results
- Location needs documentation
- Memorandum 24-014

VII. Redevelopment Plan Amendment Discussion

PRIORITIZING TYPES OF PROJECTS OVERVIEW

TYPES OF PROJECTS	Online Survey (57) RANKING						POINTS
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	
Roadway Lighting	14	16	15	8	6	0	268
Traffic Calming	8	7	9	23	9	4	210
Underground Utilities	16	8	5	16	8	5	201
Landscaping	3	17	8	16	13	3	212
Pedestrian Pathways/Sidewalk	19	12	22	5	2	0	281
Gateway Markers	0	0	1	3	25	31	94

A total of 75 respondents started the survey and only 57 completed it. The data was analyzed using the preferred methodology for ranking. The project types are assigned a numerical value to each ranking: (6) points for top choice, (5) points for second choice, and so forth, down to 1 point for the least choice. Each ranking data is then multiplied by the assigned point value and added to determine the points for each project type. The CCRAB and SMRCA dot exercise results were added to the ranking points to determine the top priorities.

DOT EXERCISE	CCRAB 4 VOTES PER 4	SMRCA MEETING 5 VOTES PER 25	TOTAL
Roadway Lighting	7	25	32
Traffic Calming	4	33	37
Underground Utilities	2	6	8
Landscaping	1	16	17
Pedestrian Pathways/Sidewalk	6	38	44
Gateway Markers	0	7	7

	Total Points	PRIORITY
Roadway Lighting	300	2
Traffic Calming	247	3
Underground Utilities	209	5
Landscaping	229	4
Pedestrian Pathways/Sidewalk	325	1
Gateway Markers	101	6

From: [Cija Omengabar](#)
To: [Cija Omengabar](#)
Subject: FW: CRA Prioritizing Capital Improvement Project Types Survey
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:45:18 PM
Attachments: [CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOUNDARY.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good afternoon neighborhood Leaders,

This survey closes at noon tomorrow. Please help me inform our neighbors that there is still time to complete the survey if they have not done so.

ftlcity.info/crasurvey

Thank you.

Regards,



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From: Cija Omengabar
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 12:59 PM
To: Cija Omengabar <COmengabar@fortlauderdale.gov>
Subject: CRA Prioritizing Capital Improvement Project Types Survey
Importance: High

Good afternoon Neighborhood Leaders,

The Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board (CCRAB) held a special workshop on February 22, 2024 to discuss plans for funding amount totaling \$1.3 million dedicated for capital improvement projects. Part of that discussion included prioritizing project types such as: landscaping, roadway lighting, gateway markers, traffic calming improvements, pedestrian pathways and sidewalks, as well as underground utilities.

The CRA also wants to hear from you. We are conducting a survey to identify and prioritize potential capital improvement projects in the Central City Redevelopment Area. The goal of this survey is to gather feedback about the types of improvements you would like to see accomplished first.

Please share the survey link with your organization membership. The survey will close on Wednesday - March 13, 2024.

ftlcity.info/crasurvey

The Central City Redevelopment Area boundary map is attached for reference. Potential projects to be considered must be within this boundary area.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,



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Help us improve the future of Fort Lauderdale!

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is conducting a survey to identify and prioritize potential capital improvement projects in the Central City Redevelopment Area. The goal of this survey is to gather feedback about the types of improvements you would like to see accomplished first.

This survey will take approximately 3 minutes to complete. Please submit the survey only once. If it is taken multiple times as evident by your IP web address, we will only use the last survey entry only.

Next





Central City Redevelopment Area Survey

Below are six types of projects the CRA is considering. Please rank the project type in order, with 1 being the most important and 6 the least important. *

[How to rank using the keyboard >](#)

1st

⋮ Roadway lighting

2nd

⋮ Landscaping

3rd

⋮ Pedestrian pathways and sidewalks

4th

⋮ Traffic calming improvements

5th

⋮ Gateway markers

6th

⋮ Underground utilities (drainage, water, sewer)

Select an answer that best describes you: *

- I live in Central City Area
- I work in Central City Area
- I live and work in Central City Area
- I operate a business in Central City Area
- I live, work, operate a business, and own property in Central City Area
- I do not live, work or own in the area but frequent the area often

← Previous

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Central City Redevelopment Area Survey

Are you the only person in your household completing this survey? *

Yes

No



Previous

Next



Help us improve the future of Fort Lauderdale!

Please select how many other individuals in your household will complete this survey. *

1

2

Other (please specify)



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In which neighborhood in or near Central City Area do you live? *

- Lauderdale Manors
- South Middle River
- Middle River Terrace
- Poinsettia Heights
- Lake Ridge
- I do not live in any of these neighborhoods but frequent the area.

Is there any additional feedback related to this topic that you'd like to include?

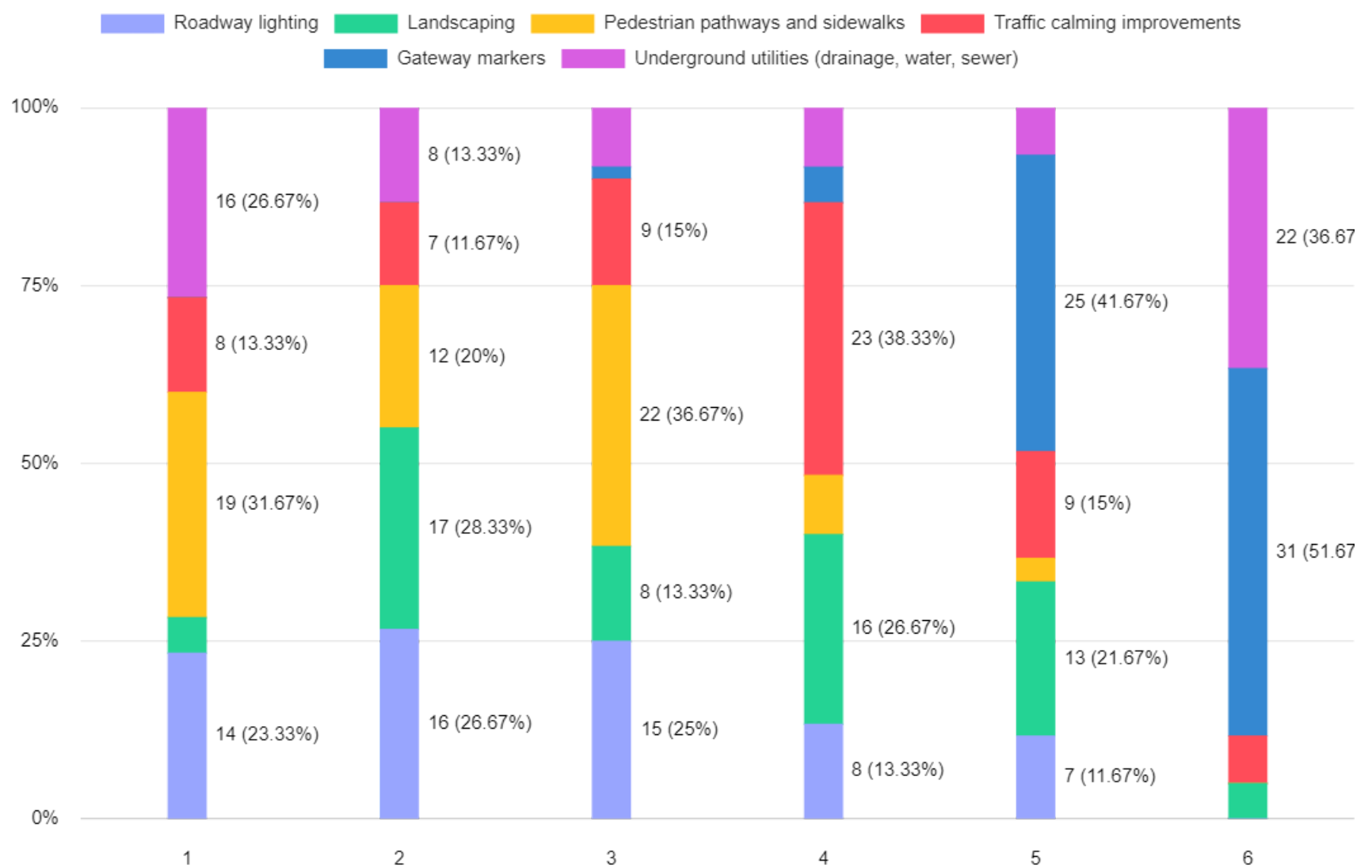
Central City Redevelopment Area Capital Improvement Project Survey: Prioritizing Project Types

Total submissions: **75**

Date range: **Feb 27, 2024-**

Total responses: **588**

Below are six types of projects the CRA is considering. Please rank the project type in order, with 1 being the most important and 6 the least important.



Select an answer that best describes you:



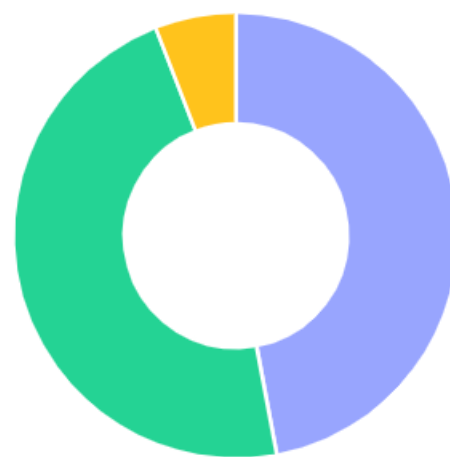
- I live in Central City Area - 28 (47.46%)
- I work in Central City Area - 2 (3.39%)
- I live and work in Central City Area - 5 (8.47%)
- I operate a business in Central City Area - 5 (8.47%)
- I live, work, operate a business, and own property in Central City Area - 5 (8.47%)
- I do not live, work or own in the area but frequent the area often - 15 (25.42%)

Are you the only person in your household completing this survey?



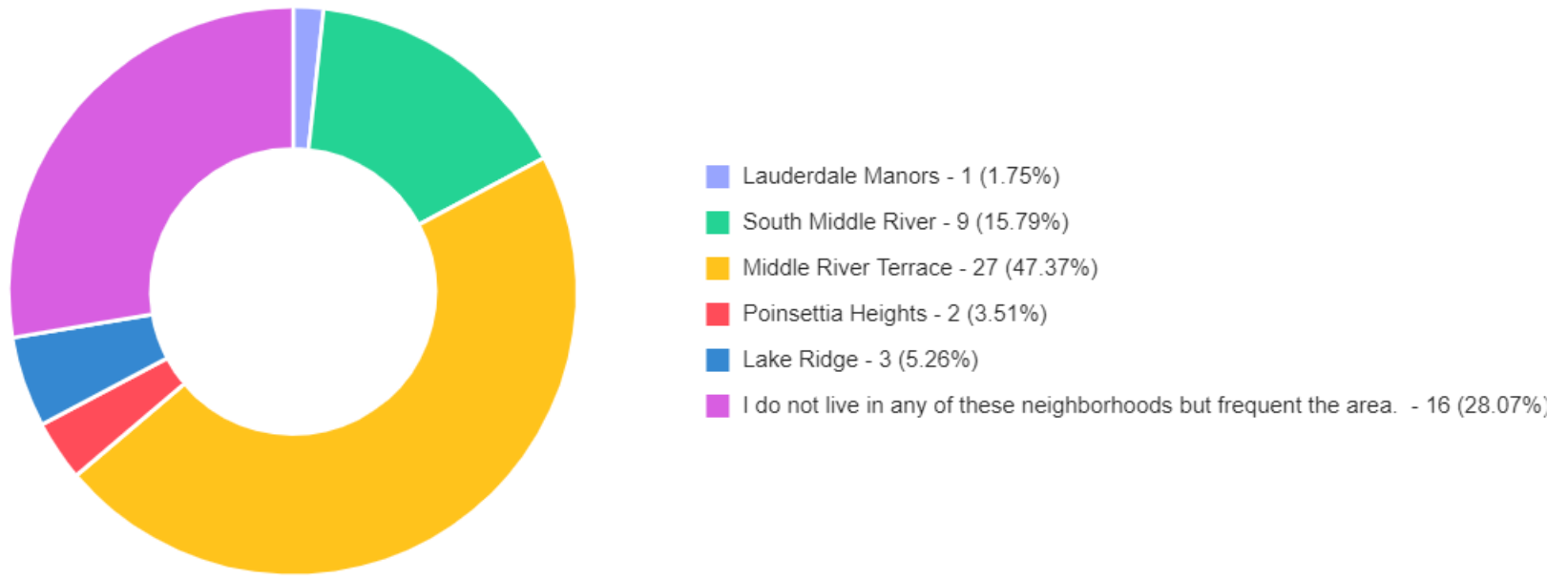
- Yes - 44 (74.58%)
- No - 16 (27.12%)

Please select how many other individuals in your household will complete this survey.



- 1 - 8 (47.06%)
- 2 - 8 (47.06%)
- Other (please specify) - 1 (5.88%)

In which neighborhood in or near Central City Area do you live?



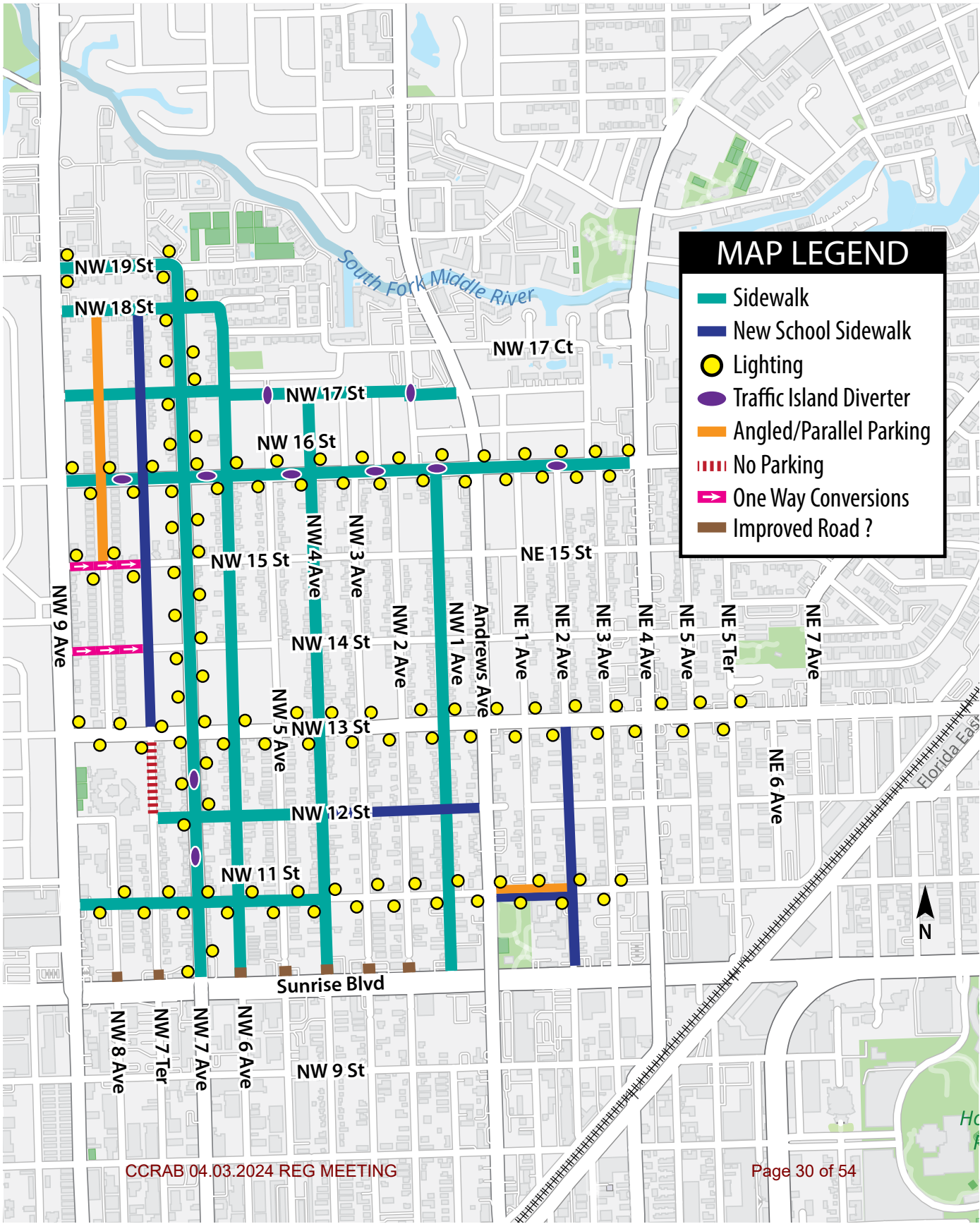
Central City CIP Types of improvements Survey

Is there any additional Feedback related to this topic you'd like to include?

- Most vital is the flood water control improvements in the water drainage and sewage network. More sidewalks for pedestrian safety. Another 3 way stop sign on Dixie Highway and 17th Court.
- As an Officer of Central City Alliance very involved with and concerned with the CRA.
- French drains on Ne 12 terr MUST be connected to storm drains. Constant flooding.
- The lane removals and roadway capacity reductions on 13th Street, NE 4th Ave and other nearby roadways and traffic circle on 13th Street have been disastrous, creating tremendous roadway congestion, an increase in accidents, and unsafe conditions for pedestrians. With the significant amount of development occurring in Fort Lauderdale and increases in population we should be moving in the opposite direction and increasing the capacity of our infrastructure and roadways.
- I live in Central Beach Area.
- Yes. Stop destroying the live canopies I'm sure all board members like live canopies around their living area.
- please stop thinking reducing traffic lanes reduces traffic!!!! A1A north of sunrise used to be 2 lanes each side and someone thought if we would reduce lanes we would have less vehicle traffic. Las olas same thing. now you have 2 lanes going into 1 westbound over the tunnel. Are you crazy!!!! Did a 5 year old or a granny who doesnt drive come up with this??? We have so many new condos and cars and visiors we cannot reduce more available driving area.
- Keep bike lanes free of broken glass,sand and garbage
- I live at the corner of Broward and US1 which I consider the Central City area.
- Leave las olas alone !!!
- There is already a sidewalk plan in place for Fort Lauderdale. It has been around since the sixties. That plan is for sidewalks to be on every street. If Fort Lauderdale is to be treated like a city then it needs to have things that real cities have like sidewalks. The excuses and complaints for years that the commissions have used to not have sidewalks is old and getting on people's nerves. Some people only get around by using a sidewalk or the street. Why keep putting the sidewalk users at risk??? I am disabled and sometimes I use the sidewalks and I use the streets when there isn't a sidewalk. I've been complaining about the lack of sidewalks in Fort Lauderdale for 30 years. It seems the only real way to get a sidewalk In Fort Lauderdale where one isn't is by filing an ADA Title II complaint. But why??? Just think if there had been a standard of above a certain dollar amount of improvements a sidewalk is to be installed on a property along the street{s} most streets would already have a sidewalk - some food for thought.

- Need to include Las Olas Isles which includes approx 1200 living units. MOST of us LIVE more than 75% time LIVING here and use the Central City for our our basic support . Alternately our basic transportation routes through the Central City for entry /exit , especially during Emergency conditions. (Hurricane/ Bad weather/Boat Show etc.
- improve bike lanes with raised / divided lanes and complete sidewalks on major streets and also on NE 18th street
- Las Olas and US 1
- Traffic is terrible and these blocked streets were closed years ago for reasons that do not exist anymore. They need to be opened back up!
- Sidewalk lighting on 4th Avenue from 13th Street to in front of the High School.
- Please replace the hideous piece of 'art' in the middle of the round about in Middle River Terrace.
- though I own in MRT and Lake Ridge
- No bldgs over 2 stories
- Past traffic calming efforts, especially on Dixie Highway and NE 16th Street east of NE 4th St while very welcome, have now pushed aggressive drivers and their reckless behavior into the side streets. I live on NE 16th Ct, where drivers now choose to speed off the traffic circle from Dixie Highway. Drivers now take the corner at NE 16th CT and NE 5th Terrace at exceptionally high rates of speed - which jeopardizes the safety of students at Fort Lauderdale High School.
- The NE 5th Terrace between NE 11th street and NE 13 street flooded during heavy rainfall
- If Fort Lauderdale truly wants to become the large, metropolitan city it is growing into, then sidewalks should be a priority all over the city (i.e., outside every business, home, etc.). Sidewalks are a public safety issue and your aim to improve safety on public streets should include sidewalks as a priority!
- Policing is required for the changes city is making to single lane streets now. For instance, Flying L Drive (SE 4th) where it goes to one lane now, is a real hazard as drivers are speeding north across Sunrise to get ahead of everyone to get into the now single lane (right in front of Home Depot). Thank you.
- I would like to see our playground on Dixie Highway expanded to include a pickel ball court; a band shell; equipment for autistic children and possibly a farmer's market to make it inclusive for all the neighborhood.

- Thank You for considering out ideas and inputs on improving our beautiful city. As we look to the future, we should prepare and upgrade all city utilities to support a growing city with greater density. I also fully support upgrades to current sidewalks, bike paths and walking paths for a sustainable future in Fort Lauderdale.
- Specifics: 1. the bicycle paths should be extended east of the railroad tracks on NE 13th Street, and traffic calmed there. It's very difficult to turn left from NE 11th Ave onto NE 13th Street 2. the beacon at 13th and Dixie needs major work, let's repair it before it degrades further 3. traffic humps should be bike friendly - the ones on NE 11th street west of Publix are awful
- This area has been blighted for years and years. It needs attention desperately.
- Sidewalks. Sidewalks. Sidewalks. These are incredibly necessary. I've seen children and the elderly with wallets walking in the middle of the road. This is incredibly unsafe for them and drivers. Property taxes in the area have increased, yet basic infrastructure, like sidewalks, is non-existent. It's even more needed at night because pedestrians walk unlit streets because there are no sidewalks. This needs to be a priority. Please make sure that with the city's Sidewalk Master Plan that the South Middle River neighborhood is not forgotten or ignored. A median on Andrews, from Sunrise to 13th street, planted with native shade trees would help with landscaping and calm the speeding that occurs. You could add a nice gateway marker at the entrance as well. There's an opportunity for beautification and safety on this stretch of road.
- No.



MAP LEGEND

- Sidewalk
- New School Sidewalk
- Lighting
- Traffic Island Diverter
- Angled/Parallel Parking
- No Parking
- One Way Conversions
- Improved Road ?

Lighting

Improved street lighting throughout the neighborhood for safety and aesthetic considerations is of major importance to the community Association.

The following locations have been recommended for lighting improvements:

- N.W. 1st Avenue (from Sunrise Boulevard to 13th Street)
- N.W. 2nd Avenue
- N.W. 4th Avenue
- N.W. 6th Avenue (from Sunrise Boulevard to 13th Street)
- N.W. 8th Avenue (from Sunrise Boulevard to N.W. 19th Street)
- N.W. and N.E. 13th Street (from Powerline Road to N.E. 4th Avenue)
- N.W. and N.E. 16th Street (from Powerline Road to N.E. 4th Avenue) Andrews Avenue

Recommendations:

- For lighting solutions, use mixture of new decorative street lights and FPL upgrades on existing FPL poles, or install additional new FPL lights and poles.
- Decorative lights limited to focal intersections along N.W. and N.E. 11th Street, N.W. and N.E. 13th Street, N.W. and N.E. 16th street, N.W. 7th Avenue, Andrews Avenue, and N.E. 4th Avenue.
- Upgrade all existing FPL lights to 150 watts on all additional streets internal to community.
- Add new FPL lights on existing poles, where a light does not currently exist.
- Add new poles and FPL lights in dark areas of community, where poles and lights do not currently exist.
- Easements may be required from private property owners to serve new locations where power feeds are along back property lines.
- Light up all street closures.
- Trim tree canopy, where needed, to improve additional FPL provided security lights on their property.

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Got it thank you.

Regards,



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Good Afternoon Cija

Ed and I surveyed the attendees at the neighborhood meeting yesterday on Feb 27th 2024.

We gave each person 5 votes to place in each of the five categories. There were 25 attendees, Ed and I had already voted so we did not participate.

Below are the Results.

Attached is the raw data from the exercise.

Capital Category	5 Votes per 25 Attendees
Road Lighting	25
Traffic Controlling	33
Underground Utilities	6
Landscaping	16
Pedestrian Pathways	38
Gateway Markers	7
	125

(20)	Road Lighting	Traffic Calming	Underground	Landscaping	Pedestrian Pathways	Gateway Markers
Will					5	
Lori	2	3			3	
Frank				2		
Kimber	2	2			2	1
Roy		3			3	
Shuart		3			2	
Lorra					32	
Eric Commissioners Office		2				
Wayne					3	
Arbuckle	2				2	1
Melona	2			2		1
Cary				2		3
Alan? fell asleep						
Marie	2	2		1		
Donna Lee				5		
Bobby		2			2	1
Elise	5					
Mat	2		1	2		
Olga					5	
Deef					5	
Blaise	1	3		1		
Scott		5				
Rachel	2	3				
LINA	1	3		1		
Lin	2	2			1	
William			5			
George	2					
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Sincerest Regards,
 Christina Robinson
 651-983-3773

*"Hard work, initiative, and persistence are still the non-magic carpets to success."
 - Marian Wright Edelman*

January 31, 2024 SMRCSA Feedback from Christina R.(VP) on Needs

SUGGESTIONS
1) Speedbumps
2) More Garbage Cans
3) Median on NW 13 Street to be refreshed
4) Mailer on Trash Pick-up days and Bulk Trash to residents
5) (L) turn on Andrews & 16TH Street – need clarity on turning rules?
Markings are not clear maybe need refreshing
Alluding to a center lane that's being used as a turning lane but its not.
6) West Gas Station Wall needs mural
Mural example on the wall at NE 4 th (flying drive) and 13 Street
7) A nicer entrance sign to the neighborhood on each major entrance point
○ Ex: Powerline and 13 th
8) More art installation going down NW 13 Street
9) Bus homeless people back out of neighborhood from Hope Church
Christina has a call with City that has to be planned



- 4) Hire a consultant to study parking issues on the NE 13th Street corridor and side streets to address whether we need to purchase property to add parking lots or widen/reconfigure streets to allow for more parallel parking.
- 5) Add ornamental streetlights on dark side streets.
- 6) Add trash cans at all intersections.
- 7) Purchase the Archways' surplus building (and parking lot) for redevelopment or use as a community center.
- 8) Sponsor a program to add murals to warehouse walls south of NE 13th Street *and* the wall on NE 11th Street along the north side of the cement company (after removing the bushes)
- 9) Hire a consultant to help the Advisory Board update the CRA's strategic plan (which is overdue) that includes a reasonable density level.
- 10) Create a new business incentive program specifically for art studios and galleries.



February 3, 2024

Commissioner Steve Glassman
Commissioner John Herbst
Mayor Dean Trantalis
Sent Via Email

Honorable Commissioner Glassman, Commissioner Herbst, and Mayor Trantalis:

I write on behalf of the Central City Alliance. Our organization is a coalition of businesses and neighborhood groups that works to promote a thriving commercial business district along NE 13th Street.

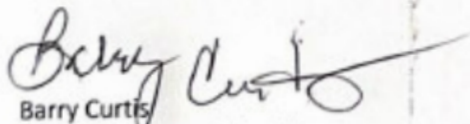
The Central City Alliance requests that the city develop plans and appropriate funds to upgrade the streetscape on NE 13th Street between NE 9th and NE 12th Avenues on the border between Commission Districts 1 and 2. The project would finish the streetscape on the remainder of the NE 13th Street business corridor by adding streetlights, landscaping, and bike lanes. Notably, the project would move the merge from two lanes to one lane from the west side of the tracks to somewhere between NE 12th and NE 14th Avenues on the east side of the tracks. The project is needed for three reasons.

First, it would improve traffic safety. The westbound merge is hidden by the hump in the railroad tracks, which regularly causes accidents at the merge and backs up traffic onto the tracks. Moving the merge farther away from the tracks to the east would alleviate these issues. Second, the project will help businesses by adding as many as 30 new parking spaces by eliminating the second traffic lane in this three-block stretch. Third, it will encourage development by completing the recent streetscape project that abruptly ended at NE 9th Avenue.

The Central City Alliance has worked closely with the Lake Ridge Civic Association, the Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association, and the Poinsettia Heights Civic Association in developing this proposal. We have also consulted with Karen Warfel and Judy Erickson from the Department of Transportation and Mobility, who indicate the project makes sense but needs Commission support to advance.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,


Barry Curtis
President, Central City Alliance

cc: Ben Rogers, Director, Department of Transportation and Mobility
Michael Albetta, President, Lake Ridge Civic Association
Alex Colazzo, President, Poinsettia Heights Civic Association
Troy Liggett, President, Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association
Ross Parker, Vice President, Central City Alliance
Marie McGinley, Treasurer, Central City Alliance




Memorandum

Memorandum No: 24-014

Date: January 22, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
GC

Re: **Streetlights**

The purpose of streetlighting is to provide well-lit, safe roadways. The City of Fort Lauderdale (City), Broward County, and Florida Power & Light (FPL) share responsibility for maintaining our streetlight system. There are over 18,000 streetlights within the City of Fort Lauderdale. 14,000 streetlights are owned and maintained by FPL. The City maintains 4,000 with nearly 1,000 owned by the City and approximately 3,000 owned by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and maintained under an agreement. Broward County owns and operates all remaining streetlights.

In addition to streetlights, there are numerous pedestrian lights throughout the City located in areas of high pedestrian traffic. These lights are owned and maintained by various groups including many private landowners. The City works with the various owners to keep lights operating, however, outdoor lighting and the lighting infrastructure that powers it are often exposed to many hazards. Some of these are natural such as wind, rain, flooding, as well as other hazards, including but not limited to vandalism, vehicular accidents, and theft.

The City created a streetlight master plan in April 2022, which established lighting level standards and guidelines for light assemblies (i.e. poles and fixtures). The Master Plan also studied the lighting within thirteen (13) areas selected by crime and traffic crash data and established estimated costs to bring existing streetlights and corridors up to these new standards.

Additionally, the City has invested in additional resources for City maintained streetlights by adding a second maintenance and repair crew, however that only addresses the lights under City responsibility. Both FPL and the City are currently working to upgrade all streetlighting to high efficiency LED lights which provide more light in the target areas and less spillover lighting.

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The attached flyer includes details about reporting outages or requesting a new light. Residents can report streetlight outages directly with the light owner or to the City, regardless of ownership. City staff can forward the request to the appropriate entity. To report outages, residents may visit <https://lauderserv.fortlauderdale.gov/311> or call 954-828-8000.

For further inquiries, please contact Corey Callier, Facilities Manager, at 954-828-5873 or via email at ccallier@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachment: Streetlight Outages Flyer

c: Anthony G. Fajardo, Assistant City Manager
Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
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