

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

12:00 PM

Joint Workshop with Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board

City Commission Conference Room

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III
BRUCE G. ROBERTS Commissioner - District I
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Commissioner - District II
ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV

LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JONDA K. JOSEPH, City Clerk
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 12 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Vice-Mayor Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis and Commissioner Romney Rogers

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph, City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett and Sergeant At Arms Sergeant *

Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board Members: Randall Klett, Chair, Ronald Weinbaum, Tim Smith, Raymond Thrower, Justin Greenbaum, Vice-Chair, and Katharine Barry

Not Present: Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board Members Chenara Anderson Christine T. Jones

No public comments were submitted by email for the June 30, 2015, meeting.

Mayor Seiler requested having vacancies on the board filled by the first meeting in August. Commissioner Trantalis is working to fill the vacancies with those from his District. Commissioner Roberts discussed the need to readdress how boards and terms are established. A discussion among the Commission and City Staff ensued regarding this topic.

15-0784 Discussion of Central City Redevelopment Plan

Jenni Morejon, Director of Sustainable Development, presented and gave a detailed review of a conceptual map outlining envisioned areas for different levels of zoning intensities and densities based on the vision for economic and community development within the Central City Development Area. Ms. Morejon elaborated on revised budgeting for the upcoming year and plans to kick off this project. Ms. Morejon addressed questions and comments from the Commission, City Staff, and CCRAB members. Discussions and questions ensued among all attendees concerning the conceptual map and areas revitalization.

A copy of this conceptual map is attached to these minutes.

Members of the Central City Redevelopment Advisory Board Members gave their input on the proposed conceptual map based on input from the affected neighborhoods.

Benjamin Sessions, President of the Civic Association of South Middle River, commented on the proposed plans. Mr. Sessions' comments were for development and the rezoning proposal. Discussions ensued on this topic among all attendees. He noted that successful cities have a strong core in the downtown area and also have pocket neighborhoods with business districts. He hoped the City is heading in this direction.

Laura Crosenco, 1616 North Dixie Highway, Middle River Terrace Association, addressed the Board regarding preserving low-density pocket neighborhoods in the Middle River Terrace area, not higher density zoning to preserve the skyline and the greenway. Ms. Crosenco also mentioned the low-income rental housing market in the Middle River Area leads to burdens of crime and blight both of

which the community would like addressed through the efforts of Central City Redevelopment Plan. Discussion ensued regarding these issues.

It was noted that it is important to expedite this, and there is the a consensus from the CRAB and neighborhoods involved that things should move forward as soon as possible. There was a discussion to address moving forward now rather than waiting until the next fiscal year to revitalize these neighborhoods.

Jenni Morejon, Director of Sustainable Development, noted the timeframe to put this on a fast track is 8 to 10 months. Discussion ensued about the possibility of hiring a consultant to fast track this project as well as a similar project for Uptown.

Further discussions ensued regarding additional concerns of the CCRAB that will be addressed through site plans. Additionally, surveillance cameras for public areas were discussed. Discussion ensued concerning the speed at which the 13th Street Redevelopment Project is progressing and becoming a business corridor in order not to lose grant funding for the project. Mayor Seiler requested an actual timeframe will be put on the next Conference Agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the City Commission look at the possibility of charging residential properties where there are excessive calls for emergency police calls. Mayor Seiler requested the City Attorney Cynthia Everett look into the viability of this request.

Benjamin Sessions requested the improvements to NE 13th Street be carried over to NW 13th Street. Discussion ensued on this topic.

Code Enforcement remains an issue in the Central City CRA. Discussion ensued on this topic.

There being no other matters to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

PROVIDED
By Jenne Morgan

