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Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

6:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING
Galleria Live

Holiday Park Social Center

CITY COMMISSION COMMUNITY MEETING

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner
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BRUCE G. ROBERTS Commissioner - District I
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Commissioner - District II
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LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
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JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Commissioner Roberts.

ATTENDANCE

Present: 2 - Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, Vice Mayor Dean J. Trantalis (Arrived at 3:32 p.m.)

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman; Assistant City Manager Chris Lagerbloom; City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett; Assistant City Attorney D'Wayne Spence; City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Roberts opened the meeting by requesting public input that could be used to address project issues and concerns.

PUBLIC INPUT – Galleria

Eileen Borman, NE 9th Street, expressed concern about the possible length of the project and related noise. Commissioner Roberts noted that the project would be done in three (3) phases as confirmed and detailed by Courtney Crush on behalf of the developer.

Jim Concannon, President of the Sunrise Intracoastal Neighborhood Association, commented on density and neighboring community. He also noted needed improvements and importance of neighborhood compatibility. Ella Parker, Urban Design and Development Manager, Department of Sustainable Development, responded to zoning questions related to height and density. Further discussion ensued regarding the applicant and developer of the project including community feedback and changes already incorporated into the proposal.

Tony Schifano, Intracoastal Drive, asked about density and traffic. He also noted the need for a crosswalk through Sunrise Boulevard. Debora Griner, Transportation Manager, Department of Transportation and Mobility, commented on traffic mitigations and the proposed crosswalk that would be created.

Abby Laughlin, Central Beach Alliance (CBA), suggested a “corridor study” for Sunrise Boulevard. She also noted other aspects of ID Zoning including local road application and reclassification. Ms. Laughlin added that community involvement was important. Jim Hetzel, Principal Planner, Department of Sustainable Development, responded that the streets meet the criteria within the ordinance. Diana Alarcon also noted that the roadway classification would not be changed per the proposed project.

Eileen Borman, voiced an additional concern about traffic and public safety vehicles. Commissioner Roberts clarified that there was a transportation study by the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) incorporating west to the beach. Debbie Griner confirmed there was a planned Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) study that incorporated the corridor. Diana Alarcon provided a few examples of improvements that will be done in the near future for traffic mitigation.

Mike Albetta, President of the Lakeridge Civic Association, questioned the amount of lanes and if it was part of the master mobility plan. Staff replied that it was not part of the masterplan and further

explained the traffic flow mitigation.

Ralph Campanella, 936 Intracoastal Drive, requested clarification about the mitigation plan and parking spaces to accommodate project and mall patrons. Debbie Griner responded that there is a surplus in what they are required by 277 spaces.

Judy Stern, NE 9th Street, commented that the subject matter is ID Zoning and it relates to public improvements that enhance neighborhoods. Jim Hetzel responded about the improvements and required bonds that insure the improvements are completed. He clarified for Commissioner Roberts that the development agreement is covered under the ID Zoning and the development agreement is currently in draft.

Collins Foreman, 2626 NE 16th Street Coral Ridge, noted that the developer has worked within the parameters of the code. He further commented that the project moves the City towards increased urbanization and neighborhood compatibility and should be of concern.

Bob Mandell, Board Member of Sunrise East and CBA, commented that it comes down to pros and cons. He noted it is too much for the area.

Doug Coolman, 1911 Bayview Drive, noted he was commenting from a planner point of view based on his background. He commented that he believes questions were being addressed and they were close to a balance.

Greg Brintlinger, East Coast Towers and Lake Ridge Civic Association, expressed his excitement for the improvements and the comprehensive neighborhood approach to involve his Civic Association.

Doug Coolman commented on flex units and density.

Mike Albetta noted how informative Galleria Live has been and expressed appreciation for the meeting. He explained the history of this area as it developed over time.

John Weaver, President of CBA, clarified the CBA has not yet taken an official position. He spoke about ID Zoning and questioned requirements. Mr. Weaver requested alternatives to ID Zoning and a skywalk to Publix.

Chris Williams, Coral Ridge Association Member, stated he felt his association was ahead of some others as to being educated on the project and noted changes have been made to this point. He commented that the developer has responded to questions and concerns and they may be the same for other Associations and area.

Mary Peloquin, Vice President of the Coral Ridge Association, clarified the traffic circle concern and noted that the project is set to move forward.

Miranda Lopez, Dolphin Isles, expressed her concern for bike lanes. She also requested bigger setbacks and sidewalks.

Joe Smith, Sunrise Intracoastal, questioned the sale price for Parcel A and the bond implications. He noted the height compromise and Sunrise Boulevard traffic. Jim Hetzel addressed the bond issue question noting that it was tied to the development agreement.

Courtney Crush responded regarding transportation and traffic. She noted the sidewalks would be wide and other traffic mitigation issues have been vetted with City Staff.

Jim Concannon questioned density and public improvements. Courtney Crush responded that specific public improvements could be discussed at a follow-up meeting and Commissioner Roberts agreed.

Vice Mayor Trantalis thanked Commissioner Roberts for convening the meeting and added closing comments.

Commissioner Roberts thanked all for coming out and collectively working to resolve issues and move forward.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.