

# City of Fort Lauderdale

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

**City Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission Regular Meeting**

***FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION***

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

***LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager  
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk  
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney***

**Invocation**

Father Kim Katinas, Saint Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Roosevelt Walters, Affordable Housing Advisory Board Member

**ROLL CALL**

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

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett, City Auditor John Herbst, and Sergeant at Arms Travis O'Neal

**No public e-comments were submitted for this meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Seiler called the Regular City Commission Meeting of January 18, 2017, to order at 6:13 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Seiler announced the following revisions to the meeting agenda:

PUR-6: Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project Construction Contract - Revision to funding Box

CR-1: Resolution Urging the School Board of Broward County to use the Revenue Generated from the Sale of the Edgewood Administrative Complex for the Purpose of Improving Stranahan High School's Cafeteria - Revision to the Second Whereas Clause

**Approval of MINUTES and Agenda**

[17-0119](#)

December 6, 2016, City Commission Conference Meeting, December 14, 2016, Investment Policy Joint Workshop, December 15, 2016, Joint Workshop with the School Board of Broward County

Vice Mayor Trantalis made a motion to approve the noted minutes and tonight's meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

## **CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Seiler announced that no members of the public had signed up to speak on items on the Consent Agenda other than the items that were pulled by members of the City Commission for individual comment and discussion.

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Seiler announced that the following items had been pulled for discussion by members of the City Commission and would be heard individually:

CM-8  
CR-3  
CR-4  
PUR-5  
PUR-6

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Vice Mayor Trantalis.

**Approve the Consent Agenda**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

## **AGENDA ITEMS PULLED BY COMMISSION**

**CM-8** [17-0076](#)

Motion Authorizing a Revocable License with Beach Majors GMBH, LLC for the Construction of a Temporary Beach Statue

Mayor Seiler recognized Stephanie Toothaker, Esq., who addressed the Commission in support of item CM-8. Ms. Toothaker's comments

focused on her clients request to put up a statue on the Beach at the Swatch Volleyball event. She gave a description of its appearance, noting it will inform the public that the event is free of charge to the public.

City Manager Feldman gave the City's position on outdoor advertising in the public right of way. Discussions continued and Mayor Seiler stated this is a sponsorship issue and not a billboard.

Commissioner Rogers asked where the statue would be and Ms. Toothaker stated it would be in the same vicinity as Olaf the Snowman during the Holiday Season.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PRES- [17-0125](#)**  
**1**

Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International - Winner of the Citizen Diplomacy Award from the United States Department of State

Mayor Seiler announced this presentation recognizes the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International organization as recipient and the first winner of the Citizen Diplomacy Award from the United States Department of State. Ms. Winfield described the details involving receiving this award, the Sister Cities organization and its history. Ms. Winfield announced those in attendance from the Sister Cities organization who contributed to its efforts. Ms. Winfield thanked the members of the Commission for their work as diplomats for the City and the Sister Cities organization. She also recognized the efforts of City Staff.

**PRESENTED**

**PRES- [17-0126](#)**  
**2**

Recognition of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep Team

Commissioner Rogers requested Jorg Hruschka and members of the Beach Sweep Team in attendance to join him at the podium. On behalf of the City, Commissioner Rogers thanked them for their participation in the 17th consecutive Beach Sweep month. He discussed the details involved in the Beach Sweep Team's efforts



that contribute to both the community, visitors and wildlife.  
Commissioner Rogers acknowledged the representatives of this volunteer organization in attendance .

Barry Levy, President of the Beach Sweep Team, thanked the Commission, City Manager Feldman, and Jorg Hruschka for their assistance in creating this volunteer program and its ongoing success. Mr. Levy invited members of the public to join the Beach Sweep Team every second Saturday of the month for this beach cleanup event.

**PRESENTED**

**PRES-** [17-0120](#)  
**3**

Recognizing Finance Department Employees - Pamela Winston and Dawn Johnson - Designation of Certified Public Finance Officer

Kirk Buffington, Director of Finance, requested Pam Winston, Senior Accountant, and Althea Johnson, Senior Accountant, to join him at the podium for recognition of becoming Certified Government Finance Officers from the Florida Government Finance Officers Association. Mr. Buffington spoke about the details involved in their achieving this certification. Mayor Seiler congratulated Ms. Winston and Ms. Johnson for their achievement.

**PRESENTED**

**PRES-** [17-0121](#)  
**4**

Police Officer of the Month for January, 2017

Interim Chief Rick Maglione called Sergeant Todd Bunin, Officer Collis Atkinson, Detective Jared Gross, Detective Steven Smith, and Detective Christopher Troiano to the podium to recognize them as Police Officers of the Month for January 2017. Chief Maglione also requested Lieutenant Steve Greenlaw, SWAT Team Commander, to assist with the awards. Chief Maglione gave a detailed narrative of these officers' involvement and their efforts to diffuse a domestic violence/abuse incident that took place on May 21, 2015 in the southwest section of the City.

Chief Maglione also announced that Officer Collis Atkinson will be promoted to Sergeant effective February 12, 2017, and there will be a formal ceremonial promotion event in early February, 2017. Mayor Seiler congratulated Officer Atkinson.

**PRESENTED**

#### **AGENDA ITEMS PULLED BY COMMISSION (CONTINUED)**

**CR-3** [17-0039](#)

Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2017 - Appropriation

Mayor Seiler recognized Nancy Thomas, 1924 SE 24th Avenue, who addressed the Commission in opposition to this item and requested the appropriation of these funds to infrastructure. She also commented on the tripping hazards of sidewalks.

In response to Vice Mayor Trantalis's question, City Manager Feldman stated that the quick fix for repairing the City's sidewalks is approximately \$3,000,000. City Manager Feldman raised the issue of the City ordinance requiring adjacent property owners to pay for fixing those sidewalks. He noted that the City pays for those damaged sidewalks that were created by the City and sidewalks in high-traffic areas.

Mayor Seiler recognized Carla Bogdahn, 200 S. Birch Road, who addressed the Commission on this item. Ms. Bogdahn recommended that the Commission focus on the City's failed infrastructure and using these funds for that purpose.

Vice Mayor Trantalis commented that AAA recently rated the City number two in its top five 2017 summer trip destinations.

Mayor Seiler recognized Craig Fisher on behalf of Leisure Beach Condominium Association. Mr. Fisher addressed the Commission in opposition of moving funds out of those intended for the City's Aquatic Complex and into this Las Olas Improvement Project's parking lot. He also recommended using the funds for a proactive approach to infrastructure needs.

Vice Mayor Trantalis asked City Manager Feldman to clarify the purpose of this item's transfer of funds. City Manager Feldman stated this item is purely a cash flow measure for moving forward with the parking lot project due to annual Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funding restrictions, stating the City is not yet prepared to move forward with the Aquatic Complex. Vice Mayor Trantalis asked City Manager Feldman for confirmation that he anticipates to restore the Aquatic Complex fund with future Tax Increment Financing (TIF), which City Manager Feldman confirmed, stating this is part of the budget process and the City's intent.

Mayor Seiler recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road, who addressed the Commission in opposition to this item. Mr. Chettle pointed out the length of time remaining in the Beach Area CRA and the opportunity for CRA to use this money for the infrastructure issues. He also pointed out the citizens opposition to this project and their consensus to put these funds towards the infrastructure, citing

specific examples.

***A copy of Mr. Chettle's submission for the record is attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Seiler recognized former Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom, 66 Nurmi Drive, who addressed the Commission in opposition of the transfer of funds from the Aquatic Complex. She acknowledged knowing all of the relevant facts and previous points raised by the City Commission and City Manager Feldman. Ms. Rodstrom briefly outlined the history of the Aquatic Complex restoration estimates, recommending that the Commission wait on the parking garage project and move forward to make improvements to the delayed Aquatic Complex project.

Ms. Rodstrom asked about the software costs for an infrastructure related Capital improvement Project (CIP) going forward from 2017-2021, asking if this would be in conjunction with determining and tracking inventory for piping in the City. City Manager Feldman explained the City's goal to create automated records from manual records to determine the life cycle costing of all of the City's infrastructure inventory to properly allocate utility entities costs.

Vice Mayor Trantalis asked if this software CIP project is being taken from another CIP project, quoting from the item backup. City Manager Feldman stated they are taking this from other sources of funding, not from other CIP or streetscape projects. Commissioner Roberts confirmed for the record that the Aquatic Complex's estimated budget is still \$17,000,000.

Mayor Seiler recognized Kristen Maus, 1778 Marietta Drive, who addressed the Commission. Her comments focused on pedestrian safety, stating that the parking garage location would contribute to safety issues when pedestrians attempt to reach the beach from the garage. Ms. Maus recommended these funds could be better spent on infrastructure, noting the CRA funds can be used for infrastructure priorities on the barrier island's sewer and water pipes, roads and sidewalk repair, heightening seawalls and pedestrian safety. Ms. Maus also commented on the net loss in the number of parking spaces and the high cost of the parking spaces in the proposed garage as compared to the national average.

Commissioner Roberts stated that the garage is not a traffic generator, therefore no parking study was necessary. He also asked Ms. Maus to forward her information regarding the national average of the cost of a parking space to the Commission. Ms. Maus stated she

would forward those numbers to the Commission.

Mayor Seiler recognized Charlie King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road, who addressed the Commission on the meeting's procedures. He also commented on the implications of the City's funding of the homeless, previously funded entirely by the Federal government, and the City's history on the ways it has addressed the needs of the homeless.

Vice Mayor Trantalis commented on his opposition to this item primarily due to its location, stating he intends to vote against this item. Commissioner Roberts asked if Vice Mayor Trantalis had alternative sites. Vice Mayor Trantalis raised the point that other alternative locations were never explored by City Staff. Further comments and discussion ensued on other possible alternative site.

Commissioner Rogers commented on the CRA's ability to fund infrastructure projects and his interpretation of the State statute. Vice Mayor Trantalis referenced the Grand Jury Report submitted for the record by Paul Chettle. City Manager Feldman commented on the number of pipe breaks in the City and his interpretation of replacing pipes with CRA funds, and a developer's obligations in addressing infrastructure issues. Further discussions ensued on this matter.

City Auditor Herbst stated his opinion on the appropriateness of using CRA dollars to address the City's infrastructure needs, giving specific examples. He also discussed other modifications that would need to be made to utilize CRA funds for infrastructure needs.

City Attorney Everett stated using CRA funds for infrastructure needs is a possibility. However, the Commission needs to determine what it proposes to allow for an analysis to ascertain what appropriate modifications need to be made to the City's CRA and CIP plans to ensure consistency with the State statute.

Commissioner Rogers introduced this item and was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor Trantalis

**CR-4**    [17-0048](#)

Resolution Declaring the City's Official Intent to Reimburse Itself for Certain Capital Expenditures by Incurring Debt for the Las Olas Parking Garage

Vice Mayor Trantalis stated for the record that he would vote against this item as it is in furtherance of moving forward with the parking



garage project.

Commissioner Rogers introduced this item and was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor Trantalis

**PUR-5** [17-0054](#)

Motion to Approve Contracts for Wastewater Conveyance System Long-Term Rehabilitation - Pre-Qualified Pool of Contractors - \$15,000,000

Commissioner Rogers stated he pulled this item based on an email he received from one of the bidders. He commented on the bidder's qualifications for installing lateral pipe linings and their claim that due to the way the bid was written, it was single sourced due to the bid specifications. Commissioner Rogers asked City Staff for an explanation.

City Manager Feldman stated he was not aware of this bidder filing a bid protest.

Mayor Seiler recognized Kirk Buffington, Director of Finance, who confirmed that no bid protest was filed by the firm in question, BLD. He discussed the bid request specifications, its proprietary standard, and the reasons for BLD's ranking as well as the methodology they used for remedying their previous failed work in the City.

Discussions and comments by the Commission followed and Commissioner Rogers requested that the record indicate that it was not a single source bid.

Commissioner Rogers made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**PUR-6** [17-0106](#)

Motion to Approve the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project Construction Contract with Skanska USA Building Inc. for a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$49,379,324

Mayor Seiler recognized, Larry Burnette, President of the Venetian Condominium Association, representing 237 owners. Mr. Burnette's comments to the Commission focused on the residents of the Venetian's opposition to the Las Olas Corridor Improvements Project's



parking garage, giving their twelve reasons for rejecting the project and emphasizing the need to reprioritize these funds for infrastructure and traffic needs on the barrier island.

Mayor Seiler recognized Charles Wigo, 2900 Banyan Street, who addressed the Commission in opposition to this item. Mr. Wigo's comments focused on the parking garage, and the needs of the Swimming Hall of Fame and the barrier island infrastructure. Mr. Wigo also requested moving the transformers located in a vault room at his residence, Leisure Beach South Condominium, into a room at the proposed parking garage.

***A copy of Mr. Wigo's handout is attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Seiler recognized Tim Sterling, 2900 Banyan Street, who addressed the Commission with his comments in opposition to the proposed parking garage primarily due to the high cost. Mr. Sterling submitted a cost study indicating the national average cost paid by other municipalities for parking garages. He also noted the devaluation of his home due to the parking garage, the effects of the parking garage lighting system on the residents of Leisure Beach Condominium at night, and his additional reasons for opposition to this item.

***A copy of Mr. Sterling's handout is attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Seiler recognized Jack Newton, One Las Olas Circle, who addressed the Commission in opposition to this item. Mr. Newton gave comments on the parking garage height, lighting, placement of bathrooms on the top amenity deck, and the implications of having restaurants and bars across from condominium residences. Mr. Newton's also discussed his recommended compromise.

Mayor Seiler recognized Mary Fertig, 511 Idlewyld Drive, who addressed the Commission in opposition to this item due to current infrastructure needs, specifically sidewalks and underground utilities in the area. Ms. Fertig recommended taking a step back to look at those opportunities as they are a more prudent approach to addressing the most critical needs.

Mayor Seiler recognized Craig Fisher, 2900 Banyan Street, who addressed the Commission in opposition to this item. Mr. Fisher commented on the net loss of parking with this project, stating it was not was representative of what the public was told. He discussed the issue of the parking garage construction costs, flooding in the area due to infrastructure issues, and the hiring of a consultant for the

selection of the contractor. Mr. Fisher requested the Commission to listen to the public's concerns and give them answers.

***A copy of Mr. Fisher's handout is attached to these minutes.***

Mayor Seiler recognized Paul Chettle, 200 S. Birch Road, who addressed the Commission in opposition to this item. He commented on the construction contractor for this project, Skanska, and their lack of community outreach. Mr. Chettle discussed another contractor's lower costs for building parking garages in the area, the changing of the traffic flow of the Central Beach Area, and the additional amount of pedestrian traffic interactions resulting from the garage.

Mayor Seiler recognized Kristen Maus, 1778 Marietta Drive, who addressed the Commission in opposition to this item focusing on the net loss of parking spaces with the garage and its high cost, noting that nothing in this project complies with the City's Vision Zero policy. Ms. Maus requested the Commission listen to the residents, rethink this project and use these funds to address other needs of the area.

Mayor Seiler recognized former City Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom, 66 Nurmi Drive, who addressed the Commission on the concerns heard tonight from the public including the loss of parking spaces, the parking lot's ability to address slum and blight, the lack of public participation with the exception of the Beach Redevelopment Board, and the Beach Redevelopment Board's previous CRA plan. Commissioner Rodstrom discussed previous plans for the Beach CRA.

Vice Mayor Trantalis requested Paul Kissinger, EDSA, to come to the podium. He asked Mr. Kissinger about aspects of the project's value engineering, other contractor's lower cost and the national average cost statistics.

Mr. Kissinger stated the other garages referenced are basic garages without the proposed additions and high standards that drove up the cost of the garage. He addressed the issue relating to the national average costs of a parking garage, showing several lower cost garages on the television monitor and explaining the increased cost was due to the addition of the mesh wrap, lights, and amenity deck. Mr. Kissinger noted the top-floor amenity deck contributes to its high cost as it requires additional structural support, noting it takes away at least 40 parking spaces that could have further reduced the per space cost.

At the request of Commissioner Rogers, Mr. Kissinger explained the

value engineering process for the parking garage to address the point noted earlier that Skanska picked themselves. Mr. Kissinger explained the City used a Construction Manager at Risk Process to implement projects in the east CRA. The contract awarded the Construction Manager at Risk to Skanska, noting it was a two Phase Contract. He gave an explanation of both phases and a brief historical overview of the design process for this project to date that included the requested parking garage enhancements. Mr. Kissinger stated the City picked Skanska in Phase 2 of the Construction Manager at Risk Process.

Commissioner Roberts commented on the number of enhancements for this garage that are not seen in an average garage, including security, Wi-Fi, emergency phones, and other items. Mr. Kissinger confirmed that this garage is not a typical garage.

Commissioner Rogers commented that the garage is intended to improve traffic circulation in this area of the beach and also serves to improve the beach area.

Commissioner Roberts noted that the garage is being funded partially by CRA funds and partially by a parking bond. Additionally, the City's land swap with Natchez will serve to add parking in a more evenly distributed manner. Vice Mayor Trantalis confirmed he emphasized the need to work towards having 200 parking spaces at the Natchez site.

Commissioner Roberts acknowledged the need to address infrastructure needs, stating he believes the parking garage and the infrastructure needs can be done simultaneously.

Vice Mayor Trantalis commented on his viewpoint that the garage is not properly located, emphasizing the need for greenspace in the area across from the Venetian condominium, and as planned for the Oceanside Park and Southside Park areas, noting they are currently parking lots.

Mayor Seiler commented that this process included many publicly noticed meetings and that compromises were reached to move this project forward. He also commented on the issue of net parking at the garage, and it is being dispersed to another area of the beach. Mayor Seiler discussed the positive aspect of having an Oceanside Park and Southside Park, instead of the current parking areas for the benefit of the community and visitors. Mayor Seiler reviewed and commented on the numerous compromises made during this process in order not to have a parking garage on the south side of the Las

Olas Bridge as requested by the Venetian, and the large amount of support received from the Beach Redevelopment Board for this project.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner McKinzie.

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Mayor Trantalis

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CONSENT MOTION**

**CM-1**    [17-0057](#)    Motion to Approve Event Agreements and Related Road Closings: 7th Annual Outrun Hunger 5K, CCA 5K, Dolphins Cancer Challenge, Fort Lauderdale 5K, Loco Rio 8K, Super Sunday, and National Black HIV/Awareness Day March

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**CM-2**    [17-0045](#)    Motion to Approve Beach Improvement District (BID) Funding for Friday Night Sounds Waves Event Series 2017 in the Amount of \$150,000

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**CM-3**    [17-0087](#)    Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim of Vanessa Frisbee - \$27,500

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**CM-4**    [17-0088](#)    Motion Authorizing Settlement of General Liability Claim of Joseph Dragone - \$42,382

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

- CM-5**    [17-0014](#)    Motion to Approve a Revised Five Year Agreement with Beach Majors GMBH, LLC for SWATCH Beach Volleyball - Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) World Tour

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

- CM-6**    [17-0059](#)    Motion to Approve an Event Agreement with Mahashakti Foundation, Inc. for YogaFest

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

- CM-7**    [17-0068](#)    Motion to Approve a Revised First Amendment to Master Lease Agreement between the School Board of Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Use of the Restroom Facilities at Croissant Park Elementary

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

- CM-9**    [17-0095](#)    Motion Accepting FY16 Department of Justice - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - COPS Hiring Program Award - \$1,000,000

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

## **CONSENT RESOLUTION**

- CR-1**    [17-0032](#)    Resolution Urging the School Board of Broward County to use the Revenue Generated from the Sale of the Edgewood Administrative Complex for the Purpose of Improving Stranahan High School's Cafeteria

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

- CR-2**    [17-0025](#)    Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Co-Application with the City of Oakland Park for a Continuous Quiet Zone along the South Florida Rail Corridor in Broward County

**ADOPTED**



Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**CR-5**    [17-0021](#)

Resolution Approving a Community Aesthetic Feature Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the State Road A1A Pedestrian Bridge Sign Project

**ADOPTED**

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**CR-6**    [17-0024](#)

Resolution Adopting the Existing Street Name of Seven Isles Drive (NE/SE 23rd Avenue) between Las Olas Boulevard and Desota Drive

**ADOPTED**

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**PURCHASING AGENDA**

**PUR-1**    [17-0030](#)

Motion to Approve Contract for Main Air Compressor "A" Replacement - Curtis-Toledo Distribution, Inc. d/b/a Comp-Air Service Co. - \$297,653

**APPROVED**

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**PUR-2**    [17-0034](#)

Motion to Approve Contract for Purchase of Uniforms - Global Trading, Inc. - \$328,029

**APPROVED**

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**PUR-3**    [17-0035](#)

Motion to Cancel Contract with Delad Security, Inc. and Award Contract to FPI Security Services, Inc. for Security Guard Services - \$123,603.60

**APPROVED**

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**PUR-4**    [17-0043](#)

Motion to Approve Contract for Construction of Snyder Park Bike Trail - Sagaris Corp. - \$184,760

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

## MOTIONS

**M-1**     [17-0085](#)     Motion to Approve an Event Agreement with St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Inc. for Fort Lauderdale Greek Festival

Vice Mayor Trantalis made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**M-2**     [17-0061](#)     Motion Approving an Application for a Temporary Beach License and Outdoor Event Agreement with AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc. for a 5k and Music Event on Fort Lauderdale Beach

Vice Mayor Trantalis made a motion to approve this item and was seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Roberts

## RESOLUTIONS

**R-1**     [17-0090](#)     Appointment of Board and Committee Members

City Clerk Modarelli read the board and committee member appointments for Resolution R-1 as noted below:

### **BEACH REDEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Christian Luz, Anthony Abbate and Andrew Mitchell are appointed to the Beach Redevelopment Board for a one year term beginning February 5, 2017 and ending February 4, 2018 or until their successors have been appointed.

### **CEMETERY SYSTEMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Patricia Hayes and Mark Van Rees are appointed to the Cemetery System Board of Trustees for a one year term beginning February 6, 2017 and ending February 5, 2018 or until their successors have

been appointed.

#### **COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD**

Duane Sinclair and Anthony Quackenbush are appointed to the Community Appearance Board for a one year term beginning January 18, 2017 and ending January 17, 2018 or until their successors have been appointed.

#### **MARINE ADVISORY BOARD**

Richard Graves is appointed to the Marine Advisory Board for a one year term beginning February 3, 2017 and ending February 2, 2018 or until his successor has been appointed.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD**

Enrique Vadiveloo is appointed to the Sustainability Advisory Board for a one year term beginning January 18, 2017 and ending January 17, 2018 or until his successor has been appointed.

Vice Mayor Trantalis commented on a consensus appointment already made to the Code Enforcement Board and his desire to appoint William Marks to replace Howard Nelson who is term limited. Mayor Seiler stated he did not have a problem with this request, recommending Mr. Nelson apply for another board position. Further discussions continued on board appointments. City Clerk Modarelli noted that Kim Jackson would be appointed on the next resolution for board appointments at the February 7, 2017, City Commission Meeting.

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this item which was read by title only.

#### **ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers and Mayor Seiler

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Roberts

#### **R-2      [17-0044](#)**

Resolution Approving the Transfer of City Owned Property in the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Area to the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

Mayor Seiler recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Drive, who addressed the Commission. Mr. King's comments focused on his viewpoint opposing the City giving away real estate for subsidized housing through the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). He



also commented on the original purpose of the City hiring CBRE to sell surplus City properties.

Mayor Seiler recognized Count Rosenthal, 12237 NW 4th Avenue, who addressed the Commission in support of this item noting importance of subsidized housing assistance for low-income City residents. He noted the efforts of the Commission members in building the community, serving the needs of all residents, and helping people help themselves in order to get ahead.

Mayor Seiler recognized Roosevelt Walters, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, who stated he approved of the transfer but does not approve of the cost of the transfer. He noted costs associated with the properties and the amount the City is receiving, asking where the additional funds will be placed. Mayor Seiler noted the compromise reached, stating the City will be reimbursed for its costs associated with these properties and the excess funds would be placed in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Vice Mayor Trantalis asked City Manager Feldman if CBRE was making a commission on this sale. City Manager Feldman stated CBRE is not involved in any aspect of this item.

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this item which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner McKinzie

**R-3      [17-0012](#)**

Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Site Plan Level II Development Permit Allocating 388 Post 2003 Downtown Dwelling Units and 31 Flexibility Units from Flex Zone 54 - Residences of Las Olas - TREH 200 E. Las Olas Holdco, LLC - 215 N. New River Dr. E. - Case Number R16023

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.

Each City Commission member disclosed their verbal and written communications, site visits, and expert opinions received.

Mayor Seiler recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Drive, who addressed the Commission suggesting a focus on infrastructure needs rather than the public safety budget.

Mayor Seiler recognized James McGrath, 333 Las Olas Way, who addressed the Commission. Mr. McGrath voiced his objection to this high-rise project on the south end of the parcel. He suggested locating the high rise at the north end of the parcel to allow for a lower impact on the residents of his building, The River House. He noted issues regarding its effect on the resident's public health due to lack of sunlight on the building's east side and traffic noise. In terms of public welfare, he noted the significant loss in property values for over 100 east facing property owners. Mr. McGrath stated the benefits of relocating the building on the parcel's north end. Mr. McGrath submitted documents for the record. He requested the Planning Department to convene a meeting to arrive at a solution for the benefit of all parties and avoid unnecessary litigation.

***A copy of Mr. McGrath's submission for the record is attached to these minutes.***

Vice Mayor Trantalis commented on Mr. McGrath's statement, asking if he expected this parcel to be built upon in this urban center of the City.

Mayor Seiler recognized Count Rosenthal, 1237 NW 4th Avenue, commented on previous litigation in Miami Beach over blocking sunlight and views, stating that under State law there are currently no remedies. He also discussed ways to alter this through restrictive zoning.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor Trantalis made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this item which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED - Approving**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

**R-4**      [17-0084](#)

Quasi-Judicial Resolution Approving a Site Plan Level II Development Permit Allocating 659 Post-2003 Downtown Dwelling Units, for Phase 1 of the Proposed Development - Riverfront - Las Olas Riverfront, L.P. - 300 SW 1 Avenue - Case Number R16049

Anyone wishing to speak must be sworn in. Commission will announce any site visits, communications or expert opinions received and make them part of the record.



Each City Commission member disclosed their verbal and written communications, site visits, and expert opinions received.

Mayor Seiler recognized Michael Tuck, 400 SW 1st Avenue and a business owner at 21 West Las Olas. Mr. Tuck stated his concern about lane closures due to construction and the possibility of making West Las Olas a two-lane roadway. He also noted this development is located in a 4:00 a.m. Entertainment District and future potential residents in the development should be made aware. Mr. Tuck asked which District Commissioner he should contact regarding updates to this development. Commissioner Rogers stated it is within his District.

Mayor Seiler recognized Steve Glassman, President of the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation, who addressed the Commission. Mr. Glassman submitted for the record the Consultant Memo dated December 5, 2016, as backup for the Historic Board Meeting Agenda.

***A copy of Mr. Glassman's submission to the Commission is attached to these minutes.***

Mr. Glassman comment's focused on the lack of attention to the historic resources on the site and the adjacent H-1 District. He noted the historic impacts and lack of archaeological related research in reports from City Staff. Mr. Glassman talked about numerous issues in the Staff Report, commenting on the site plans and its compliance with the downtown area Master Plan Guidelines and New River Design Guidelines. Mr. Glassman raised numerous other points regarding historic aspects of the area and the project's interaction with the H-1 District. He commented on the minutes of the City's Historic Preservation Board communication to the City Commission that reflect serious concerns about this project impact on the H-1 District. He stated the summary conclusion of the City's Staff Consultant was this development negatively impacts the Historic H-1 District and the historic properties on Brickell Avenue.

Commissioner Rogers commented on the developer's sensitivity in working with the City to provide a view corridor, and the developer and architect efforts to enhance the opportunity for pedestrian activity in the Riverwalk. He also noted the importance of ground views maintaining historic attributes.

Vice Mayor Trantalis stated the need to save historic aspects of the City with a goal of providing a positive pedestrian urban experience in the downtown area. The amenities which will be provided by the developer were noted. He also gave a brief overview of other large-scale developments in the City moving into the 21st Century

Mayor Seiler gave his comments, thanking the developer and their counsel for being flexible and working with the neighbors and neighborhoods in the downtown area to build a consensus. He noted the benefits to the development of having the adjacent H-1 as a neighbor.

Vice Mayor Trantalis asked City Attorney Everett about the need for the developer to disclose the fact that this development is located in a 4:00 a.m. Entertainment District. It was noted that this would be communicated in the residential lease.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor Trantalis made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this item which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED - Approving**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **PH-1    [17-0067](#)**

Public Hearing to Amend fiscal years 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 Annual Action Plans of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Program

There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Vice Mayor Trantalis made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Roll call showed: AYES: Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts, and Mayor Seiler. NAYS: None.

Vice Mayor Trantalis made a motion to approve this item which was seconded by Commissioner Roberts.

**APPROVED**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

## **ORDINANCE FIRST READING**

### **OFR-1    [17-0006](#)**

Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort

Lauderdale, Creating a New Article Entitled Communications Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way- Request Deferment to February 7, 2017

Commissioner Roberts made motion to defer this item until the February 7, 2017, Regular City Commission Meeting and was seconded by Vice Mayor Trantalis.

**DEFERRED to February 7, 2017**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

## **ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

### **OSR-1 [17-0077](#)**

Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on the Cultivation, Processing, Dispensing or Retail Sale of Cannabis for a Period of 180 Days

Mayor Seiler recognized Charles King, 105 N. Victoria Park Road, who addressed the Commission on this item. Mr. King's comments focused on Ron Book lobbying for this item on behalf of his other clients and the perceived conflicts of interest. Mr. King also commented on how the City of Hollywood is handling issues related to this item. He also noted the State Health Department's local meetings scheduled in February on this topic, recommending the Commission attend.

Vice Mayor Trantalis introduced this Ordinance on Second Reading which was read by title only.

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING**

**Aye:** 5 - Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioner McKinzie, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Roberts and Mayor Seiler

## **EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR REQUEST FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2017, CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Mayor Seiler recognized City Attorney Everett who read her request for an Executive Closed Door Session on February 7, 2017, as follows:

Pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8)(a), I am seeking advice on the matters of:

· **Albion Staffing Solutions, Inc. v. City of Fort Lauderdale**  
**Case No. CACE 15-018760 (09)**

**Horace Smith v. City of Fort Lauderdale**  
**Case No. CACE 15-015707 (09)**

During the City Commission Meeting on February 7, 2017 at a time to be determined. Present at the attorney-client session will be:

Mayor, John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Vice Mayor, Dean J. Trantalis  
Commissioner, Robert L. McKinzie  
Commissioner, Bruce G. Roberts  
Commissioner, Romney Rogers  
City Manager, Lee R. Feldman  
City Attorney, Cynthia A. Everett  
Re. Albion Staffing Solutions, Inc. v. City of Fort Lauderdale,  
Outside Counsel will be Robert Vaughan, Esq., Kim Vaughan  
Lerner, LLP,  
Re. Horace Smith v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Counsel will be  
Assistant City Attorney Alain E. Boileau, and a  
Certified Court Reporter with Daughters Reporting, Inc.


The estimated length of this attorney-client session is approximately one (1) hour.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Commission at the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2017, Mayor Seiler adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

  
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John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey A. Modarelli  
City Clerk



**City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Board**

**WOW AWARD WINNER – NOVEMBER 2016**

**Susan Jorge**

**900 Ponce de Leon | Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311**

***Rio Vista Civic Association – Commissioner Romney Rogers***

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***Please welcome Community Appearance Board Vice Chair David Bowles***

When Susan Jorge sold her riverfront property in Las Olas Isles and her oceanfront property on Las Olas beach, she was looking for a change. Relocating to a beautiful home in the City's Rio Vista neighborhood, brings her new adventures each and every day.

What attracted Susan to the home was its fantastic location. The lovely two-story property is situated on the most picturesque street in arguably one of the best neighborhoods in the City. Outside the green iron gates, the property is surrounded by majestic trees, which are intriguing in their own right, as many experts Susan has consulted with can't seem to determine their exact species.

Inside the gates lies a lush, green landscaped yard that is practically self-sustaining. Featuring a variety of succulents, native trees, and flowering plants, it resembles a miniature tropical resort. The home also features oversized windows on three sides that bring the outdoors in. Plus, there is a personal playground, equipped with a swing set and a miniature gymnasium, a resort-style pool and hot tub, and outdoor dining space which makes for a comfortable environment whether Susan is gardening, dining outdoors, spending time with her children, or playing with her grandchildren.

What Susan didn't realize when she became the owner of this grand home was how the Rio Vistans, both young and old, are friendly, neighborly, and a true breath of fresh air amid the hustle and bustle of Fort Lauderdale.



Susan truly enjoys engaging, interacting and participating in the pace and lifestyle of the Rio Vista neighborhood and appreciates everyone and everything it has to offer.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly present the monthly WOW Award to Susan Jorge and we thank her for enhancing the Rio Vista neighborhood and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

We are pleased to present you with a certificate of appreciation from the City Commission, a gift certificate from P.F. Chang's restaurant, and an orchid donated by Home Depot to celebrate the recognition. Congratulations!









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Provided by Paul Chetle

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE**

**FINAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GRAND JURY**

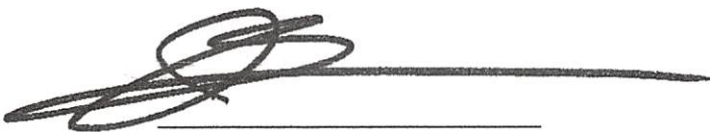
**SPRING TERM A.D. 2015**

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**State Attorney  
KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE**

**Chief Assistant State Attorney  
DON L. HORN**

**Assistant State Attorney  
TIM VANDERGIESEN**



**JEFFERSON GEIMER  
FOREPERSON**



**BARBARA MONTESINOS  
CLERK**

**FILED**

**February 3, 2016**

### **III. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CRAs**

There are currently 178 Community Redevelopment Areas in the State of Florida.<sup>23</sup> The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners has approved the creation of 14 community redevelopment areas that are administered by the Community Redevelopment and Municipal Services Division ("CRMS") and overseen by the County. The BOCC has also delegated Authority to eight municipalities to operate ten CRAs.<sup>24</sup> Four additional CRAs operate in unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County.<sup>25</sup>

The agencies that we reviewed all had executive directors to run the day-to-day operations.<sup>26</sup> Many of the agencies were staffed by employees of the city or county where the CRA was located. The CRAs pay a portion of the employees' compensation based on the amount of work performed for the CRA. Some of the agencies had executive directors and a few full-time staff. And some agencies had numerous full time staff members, the largest of which was over 10 full-time staff. While the executive director and staff run the day-to-day operations, it was clear from the testimony that the CRA boards decide where monies will be spent and approve all expenditures.

### **IV. OPERATIONS & EXPENDITURES**

There are two aspects of where and how CRAs expend money that we must distinguish for the purpose of this report. First, there are the specific projects, events, services, acquisitions, etc., in which CRAs choose to spend taxpayer dollars. Second, there are the policies and procedures (or lack thereof) that CRAs use to distribute monies which may include grant programs, paying bond debt, formal or informal bidding processes and formal or informal requests for quotes. Most significantly, we found that CRAs can unilaterally choose to give taxpayer dollars to a person or company without the exercise of any process of due diligence, without justification and without recourse. According to the statute, CRAs have wide latitude in spending TIF money to "finance or refinance any community redevelopment it undertakes

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<sup>23</sup> <http://redevelopment.net/cra-resources/q-a-for-cras/>

<sup>24</sup> A listing of all CRAs operating within Miami-Dade County is set forth in Exhibit B to this Report.

<sup>25</sup> Attached hereto as Exhibit A is map showing the geographical boundaries of each community redevelopment area presently operating within Miami-Dade County

<sup>26</sup> The Miami-Dade County CRAs are run by Jorge Fernandez, Office of Management and Budget, whose responsibilities are consistent with an executive director.

(d) The clearance and preparation of any redevelopment area for redevelopment and relocation of site occupants within or outside the community redevelopment area as provided in s. 163.370.

(e) The repayment of principal and interest or any redemption premium for loans, advances, bonds, bond anticipation notes, and any other form of indebtedness.

(f) All expenses incidental to or connected with the issuance, sale, redemption, retirement, or purchase of bonds, bond anticipation notes, or other form of indebtedness, including funding of any reserve, redemption, or other fund or account provided for in the ordinance or resolution authorizing such bonds, notes, or other form of indebtedness.

(g) The development of affordable housing within the community redevelopment area.

(h) The development of community policing innovations.

Setting aside policies or procedures for disbursement, we learned that CRAs commonly spend monies on such things as streetscapes and road improvements in business and residential areas, infrastructure improvements such as water and sewer, façade improvements to commercial, industrial and retail businesses, purchase of land for development of affordable housing, subsidies for development of affordable housing, educational and employment services, policing, neighborhood parks development and upgrades and payments on bond debt for such things as garages and cultural centers. For each of these types of expenditures, we learned of successful projects that addressed the intent of the statute and benefitted the community.

However, our investigation uncovered large scale spending on projects that did not address slum, blight or affordable housing. Nevertheless, the people responsible for the decisions to spend money on such projects can justify it because the statute governing CRAs is written so broadly. As such, CRAs often times spend money and find a way to say it fits within "the approved community redevelopment plan." We learned of a wide range of projects, events, services and acquisitions in which spending was justified only when the interpretation of the community redevelopment plans was stretched beyond the pale. For example, it is apparent that "social services" are something that TIF monies are being used for at an increasing rate. This has resulted in TIF money being used for fairs, carnivals, and community entertainment. We found it alarming that various CRAs justified spending hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions of dollars, on projects that clearly did not directly address any slum, blight or affordable housing.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1958



STEPHEN C. O'CONNELL  
... dedicates new span

# Rogers Causeway Has Official

"I do dedicate this, the Dwight L. Rogers Memorial Causeway, to the service of the people of this community and state, and to the memory of an outstanding American citizen and public servant, with the fervent hope that the memory and example of his useful, purposeful life will outlive the concrete and steel of which this structure is made."

With those words, Justice Stephen C. O'Connell of the State Supreme Court paid tribute to one of Ft. Lauderdale's most revered public servants Saturday afternoon in dedicating the new E Las Olas Blvd. span over the Intracoastal Waterway.

Mrs. Rogers, widow of the congressman, officiated at cutting the ribbon, formally opening the structure to

traffic, and pushing the levers which lowered the bascules into position so a long procession of cars could be the first "official" vehicles to cross.

Mayor John V. Russell, who served as master of ceremonies, introduced Mrs. Rogers and members of the

late congressman's family, including Congressman Paul Rogers, Doyle Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Rogers Jr., and their children, Dwight L. Rogers 3rd, Virginia and Romney.

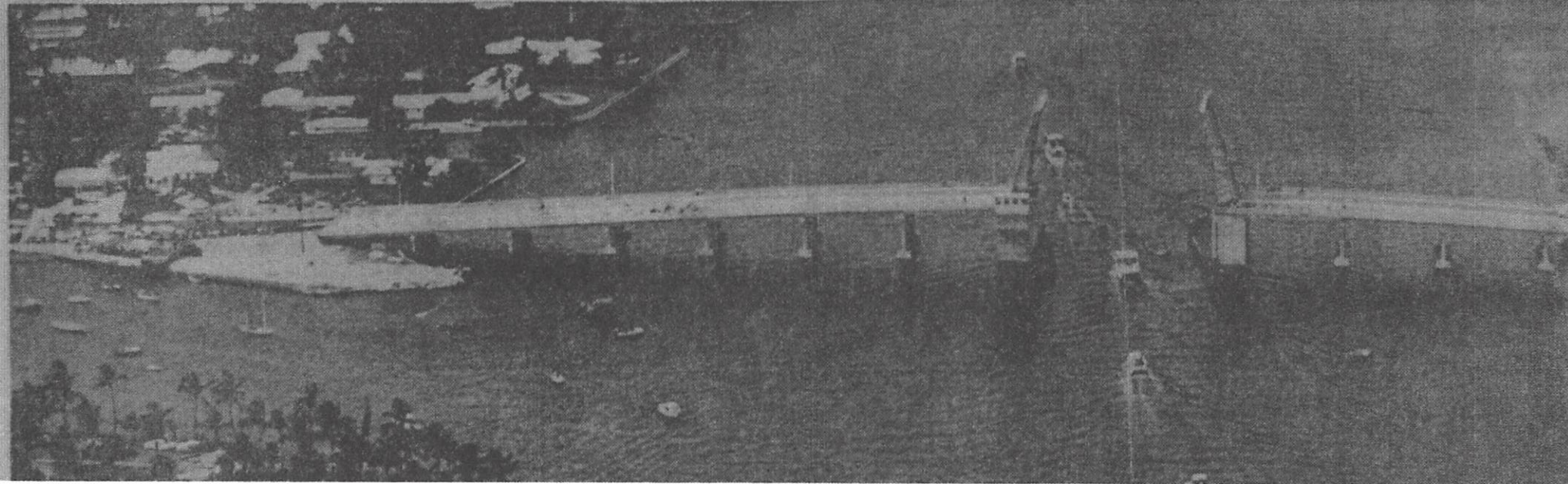
A colorful feature of the ceremony was a parade of more than 50 yachts which

passed through the way as the land ceremony ended.

The bridge was completed, and opened to traffic Aug. 26, but the dedication was delayed until Saturday to conform to the arranged schedule.

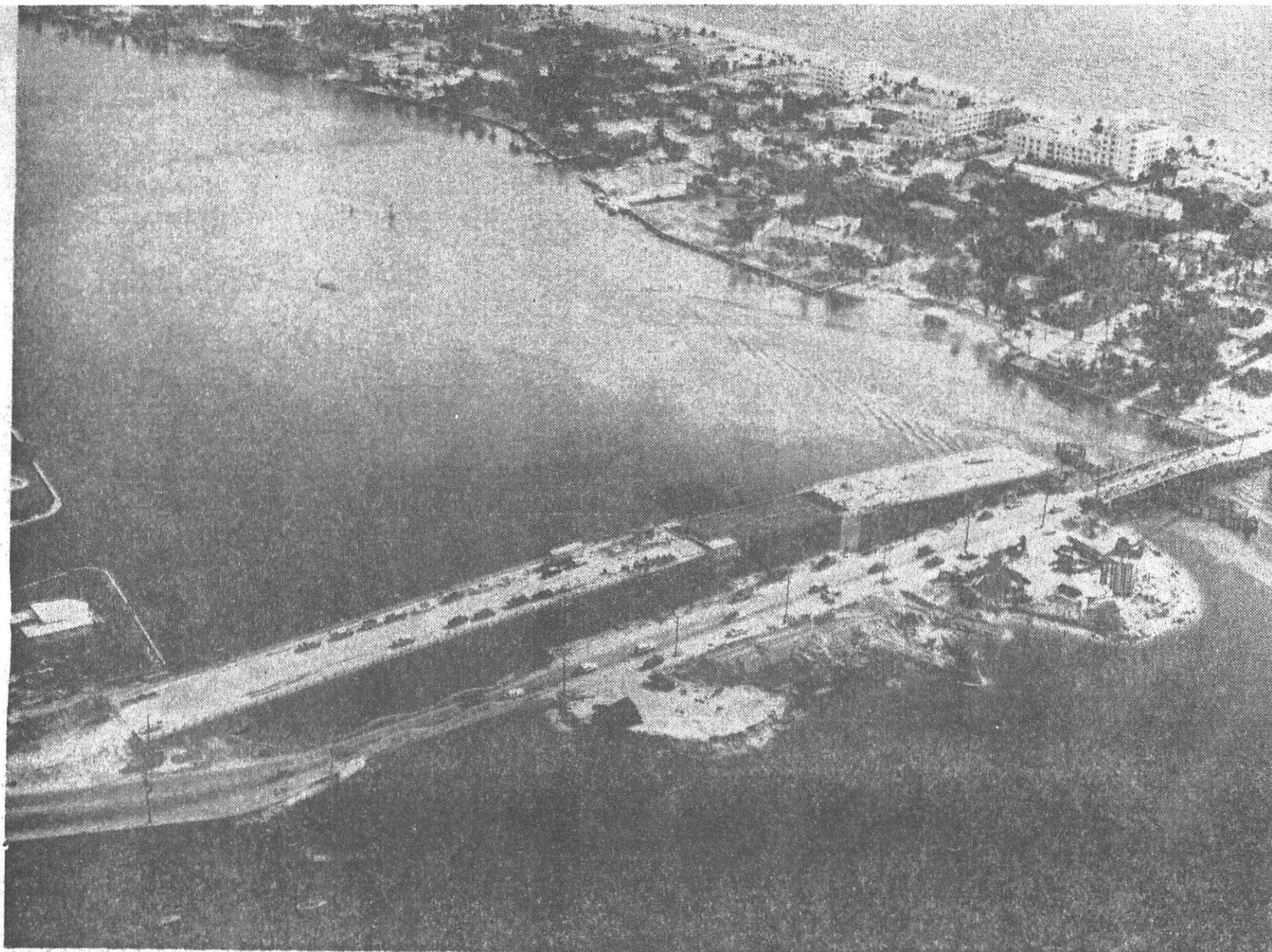
Among the happiest sons in the dedication were proprietors of the

## Yachts Pass In Review



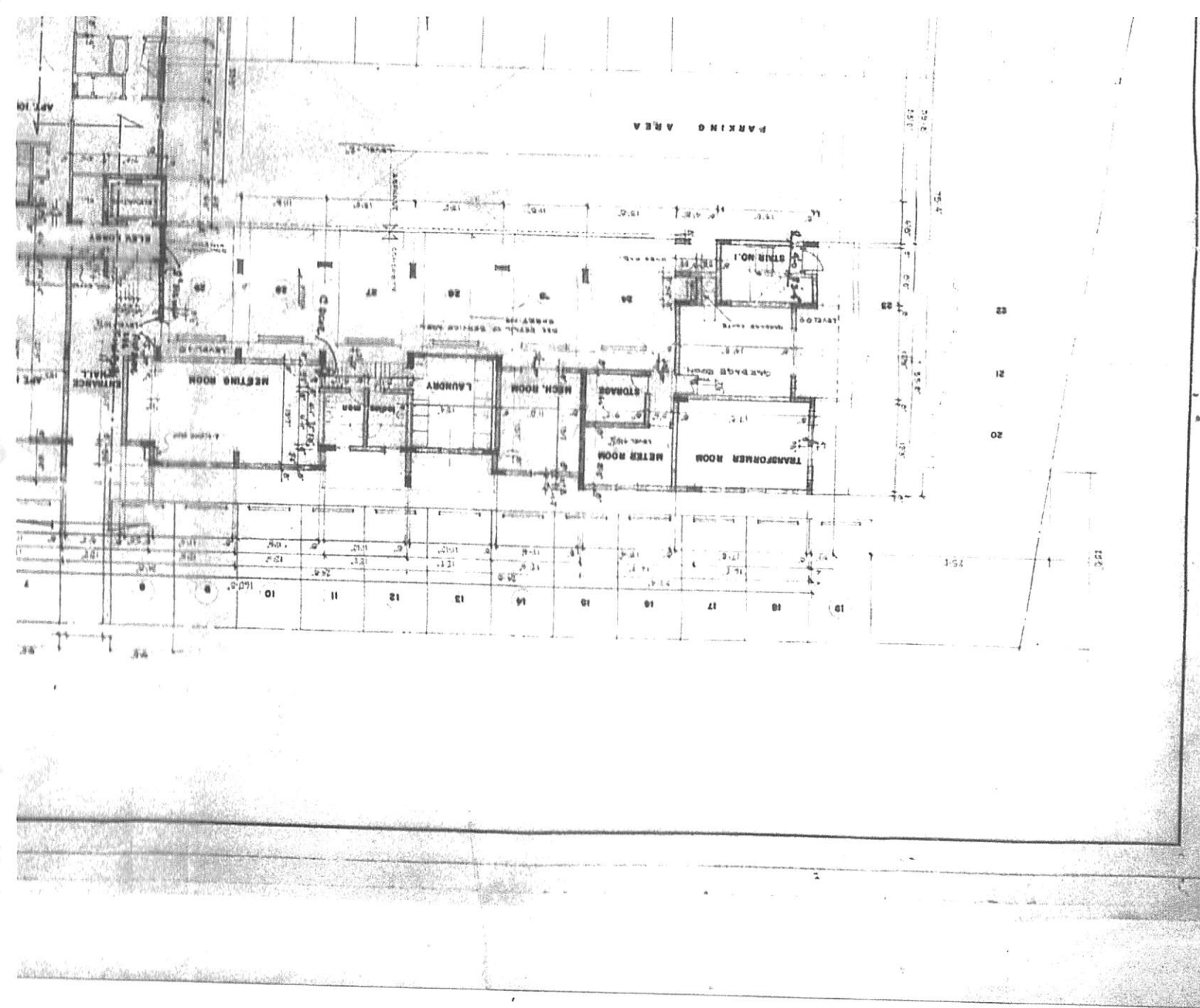
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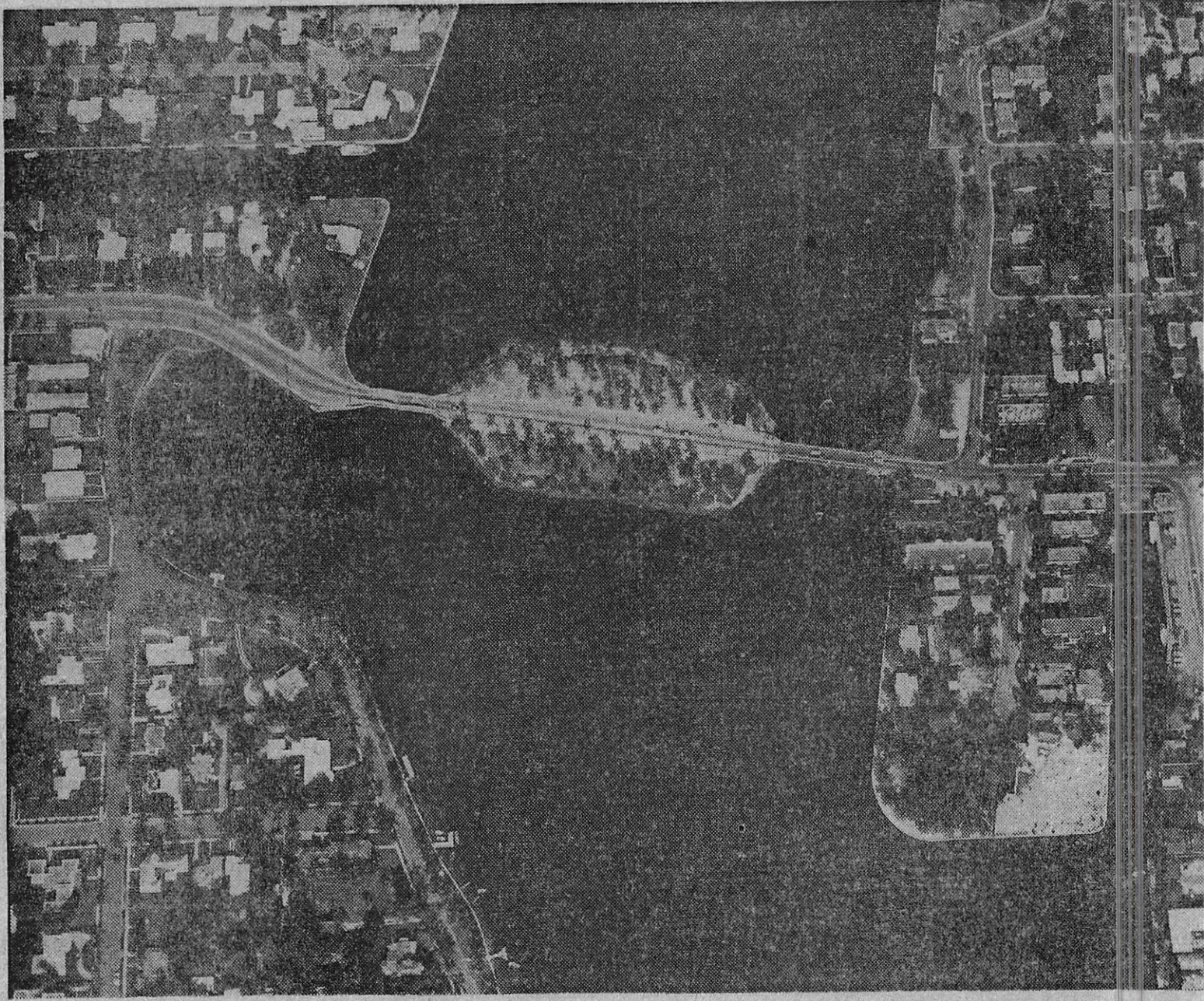


**LAS OLAS BRIDGE**—The new \$1,224,173.71 E. Las Olas Blvd. bridge (shown at right) will be closed to traffic on April 15. Work across the Intracoastal Waterway is expected to last 100 days.

(Dick Dillon photo)







(Daily News photo)

**LAS OLAS AT INTRACOASTAL**—The above aerial photo shows that portion of E Las Olas Blvd. in Ft. Lauderdale which crosses the Intracoastal Waterway. The Las Olas bridge and the island to its west have

constituted a regular bottleneck for traffic in the last . . . A few of the many apartment buildings in the beach area are at right.

South Seas Hotel

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Craig Fischer

## Fort Lauderdale board recommends approval for \$49M in Las Olas improvements

Centerpiece of plan is a park plaza, plus a garage to replace municipal lots

January 13, 2017 03:00PM

By Joshua Kleinberg

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Rendering of proposed Las Olas improvements

Fort Lauderdale's Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board recommended Wednesday that the city approve a **\$49.4 million plan** to replace two municipal parking lots with park space along the Fort Lauderdale Beach stretch of Las Olas Boulevard.

According to the plan, parking losses will be partially offset by the addition of a five-story, 663-space parking garage, while the length of **Las Olas Boulevard** between A1A's southbound and northbound lanes will be turned into a pedestrian-friendly "festival street," by removing the median, placing both street and sidewalk at the same grade, adding bicycle lanes and extending retail and café fronts on the north side of the road.

The project's centerpiece — an oceanfront park plaza with a flexible event lawn, a police substation, public restrooms, a portico, a coconut grove and a children's play fountain — will replace the city's Oceanside parking lot, while the South Intracoastal lot will be turned into additional flexible green space surrounded by a pedestrian promenade.

The garage, which will be built on a portion of the North Intracoastal lot at the west end of the barrier island, will include a flexible amenity deck and connect to the oceanfront park by a 23-person golf cart-style tram.

In total, **Fort Lauderdale will lose 172 parking spots**, but the project's lead designer, Paul Kissinger of the design firm EDSA, noted at the Wednesday meeting that the board and commissioners had agreed that it makes sense to have parking distributed further along the island.

"One of the things we've seen everywhere is parking," added **Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler**, "As much as we get the complaint, the demand is slowly going down with Uber and Lyft."

Anthony Abbate, the board's chair, said the board would be examining other factors that have come into play city-wide, citing "the phenomenon of sea-level rise," as well as the changes in transportation modes.

"We're confident that this project, as presented, anticipates these changes, and I think that we should move forward," he said.



## PAST PERFORMANCE

Nova Southeastern University West Parking Garage, Davie, FL



### Owner Reference:

Nova Southeastern University/Pete Witschen  
3301 College Avenue, Davie, Florida 33314  
954.262.8827 | witschen@nova.edu

### Architectural Reference:

Walker Parking Consultants/Engineers/Elliot Hathorn  
4904 Eisenhower Boulevard, Suite 150, Tampa, Florida  
813.888.5800 | elliot.hathorn@walkerparking.com

Stiles completed this 199,200 SF, 5-level, 570 space parking garage. Despite the challenges of constructing next to the occupied University School, Stiles successfully implemented a very aggressive fast track schedule and achieved early completion in only 87 days despite weather delays. This is our 3rd parking garage completed for Nova Southeastern University.

Role	CM at Risk
Completion Date	August 2013
Original Budget vs Final GMP	\$7,588,826   \$7,588,826
Savings Achieved through VE, Etc.	Hard Bid - N/A
% GMP for General Construction, Profit & Overhead	13.3 %
Total amount of approved Changes Orders added to the Original GMP	\$443,384
Preconstruction Services Fees	\$51,000
\$ and % of Final GMP awarded and performed by local subs and SBE	\$1,179,025 (14.6%) Combined CBE & Local Broward Subs
Present Status of Project	Complete



## PAST PERFORMANCE

Rick Case Volkswagen, Davie, FL



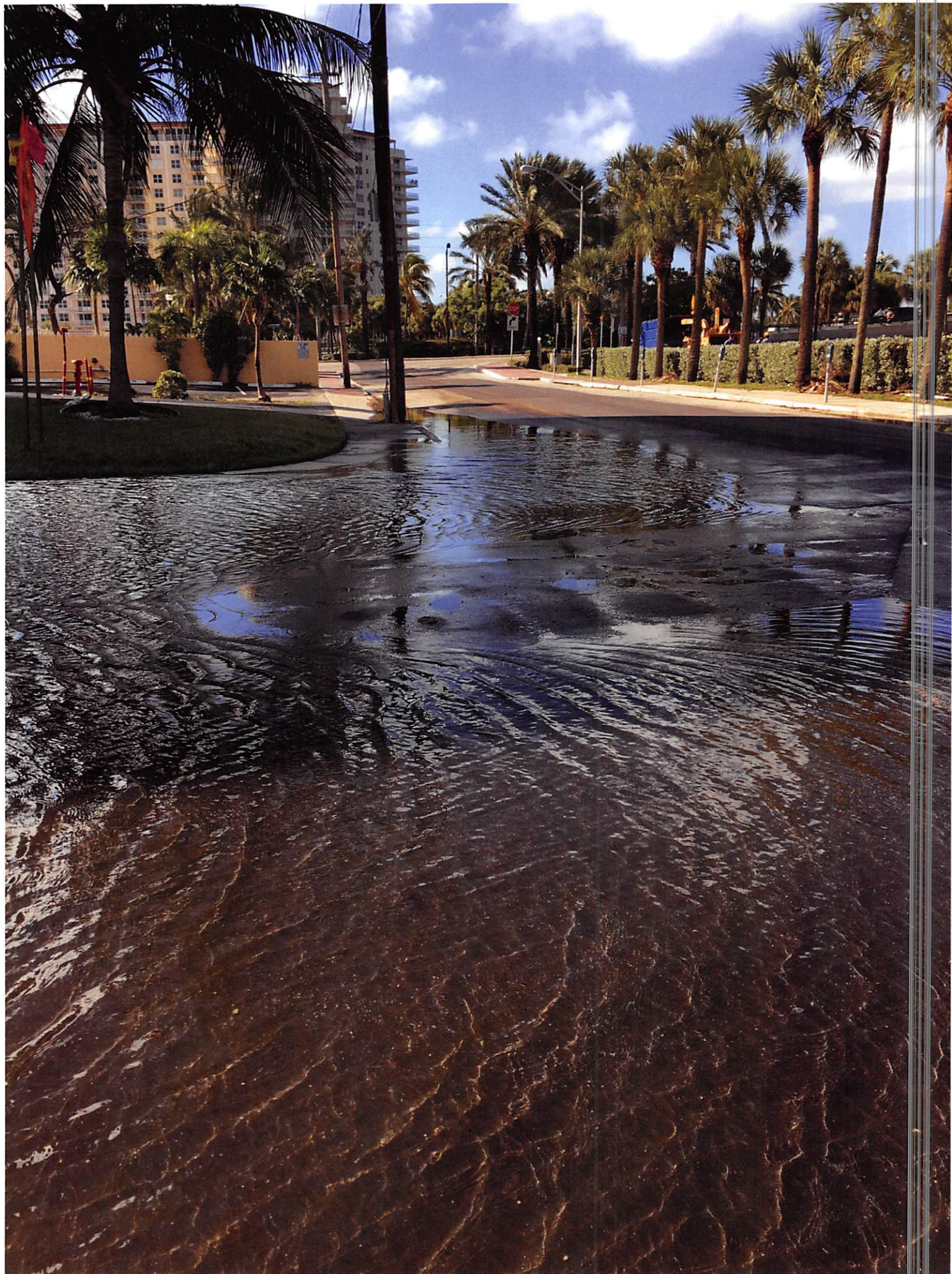
### Owner Reference:

Rick Case Automotive/Rick Case  
875 N. State Road 7, Plantation, Florida  
954.587.1111 | RickCase@RickCase.com

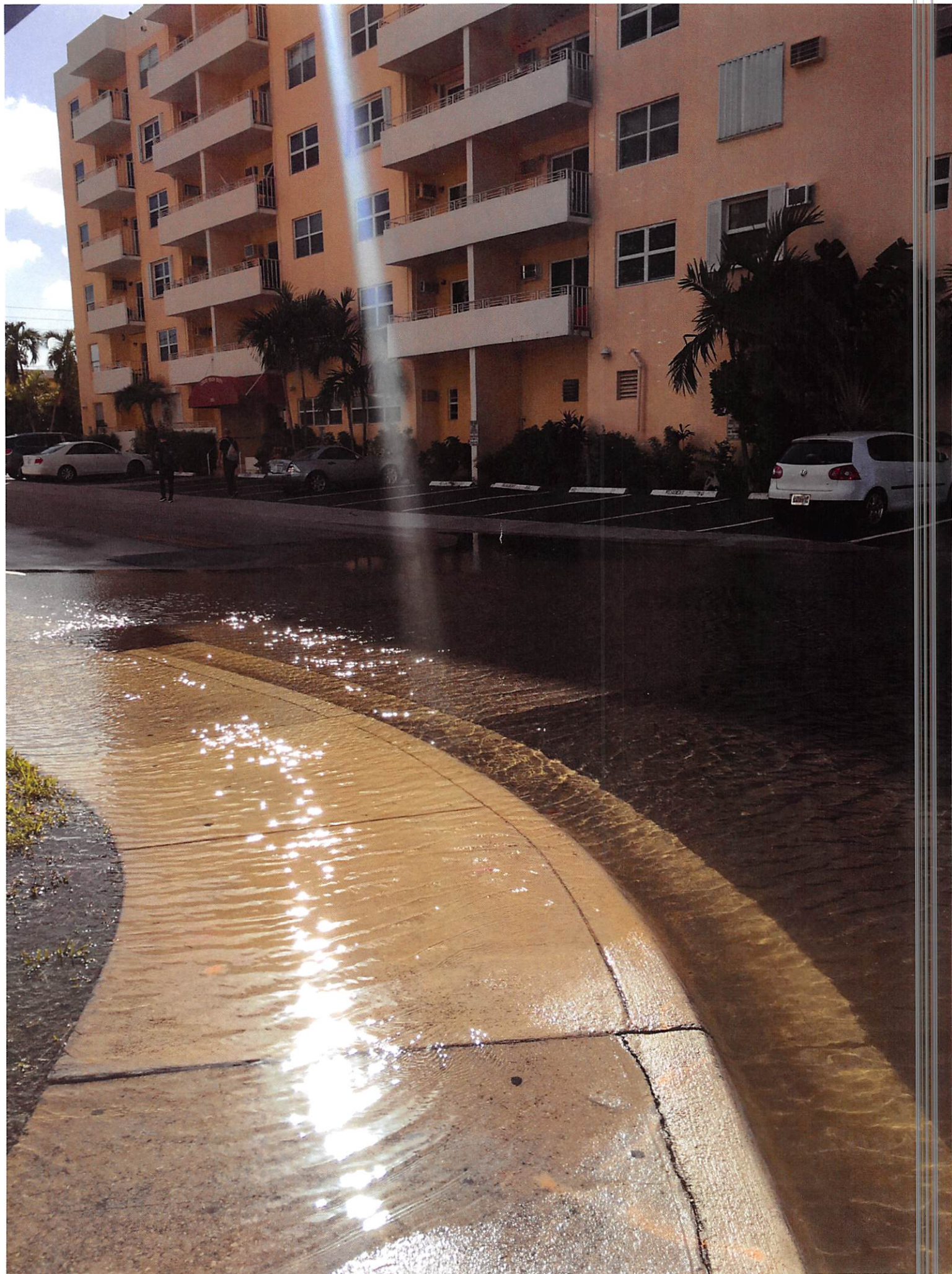
Stiles Architecture and Stile Construction was selected by long-time partner Rick Case to build an all-new Volkswagen dealership & parking garage. At 328,000 SF and towering 8 stories, Rick Case's 5th dealership on the Davie/Weston Auto Row will be the largest and tallest Volkswagen dealership worldwide. This state-of-the-art project was constructed utilizing a fast track delivery method. It features 1,000 new and used cars inside under showroom lights, and will open with 200 employees.

Role	CM at Risk
Completion Date	November 2013
Original Budget vs Final GMP	\$15,256,095   \$16,201,121
Savings Achieved through VE, Etc.	\$56,205
% GMP for General Construction, Profit & Overhead	10.5%
Total amount of approved Changes Orders added to the Original GMP	\$954,026
Preconstruction Services Fees	\$53,375
\$ and % of Final GMP awarded and performed by local subs and SBE	\$3,690,525 (22.77%) Combined CBE & Local Broward Subs
Present Status of Project	Complete

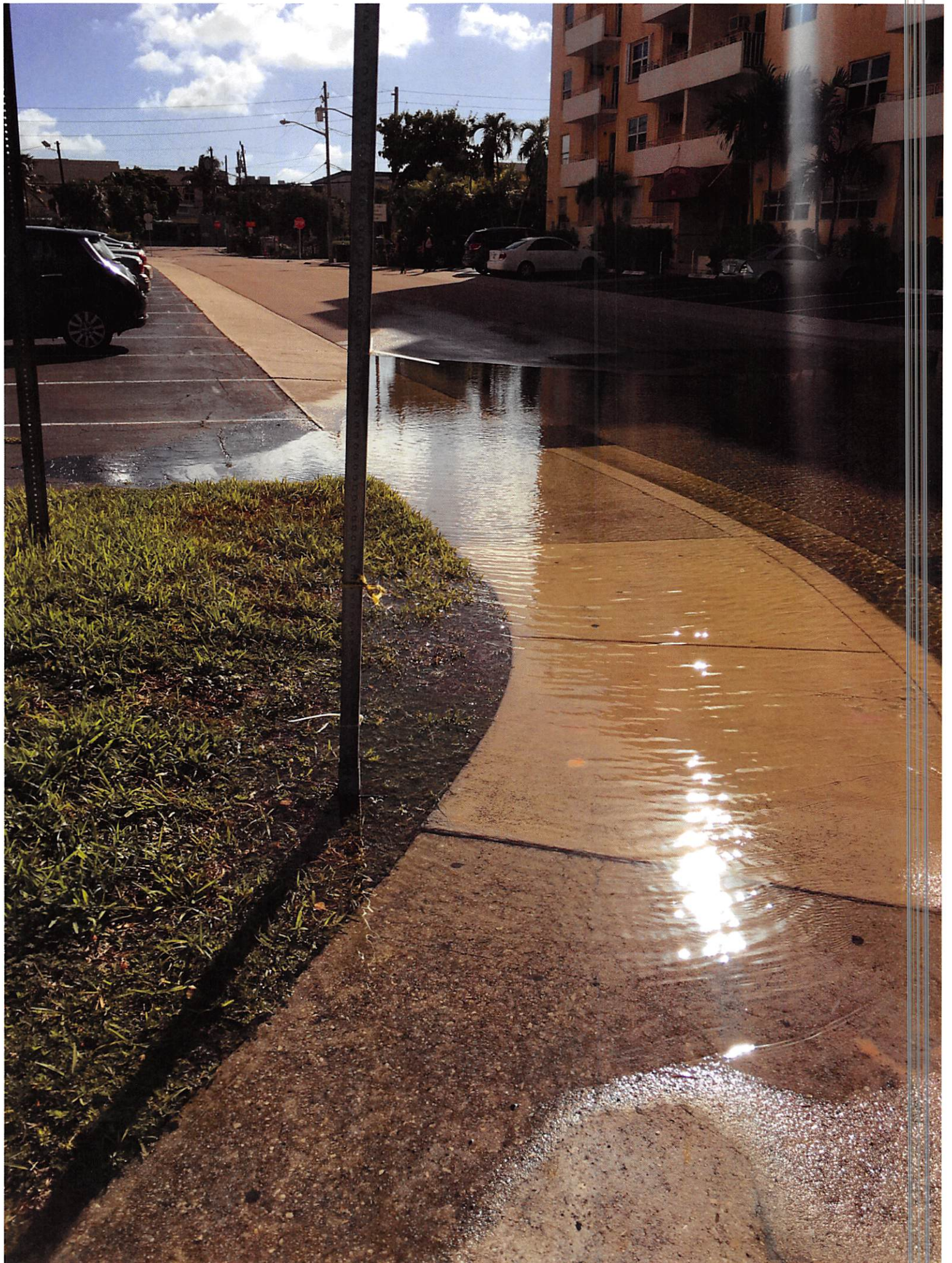








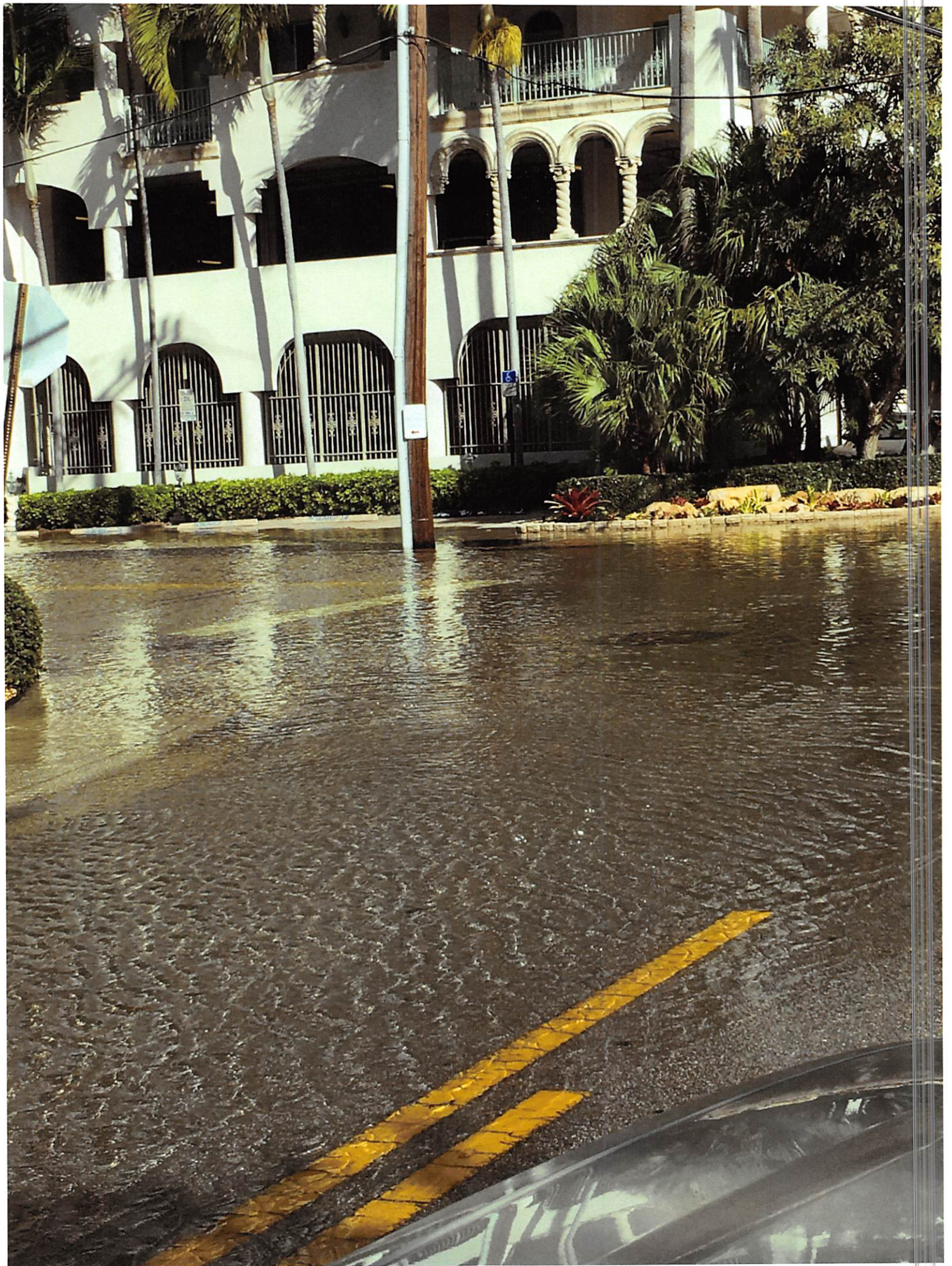




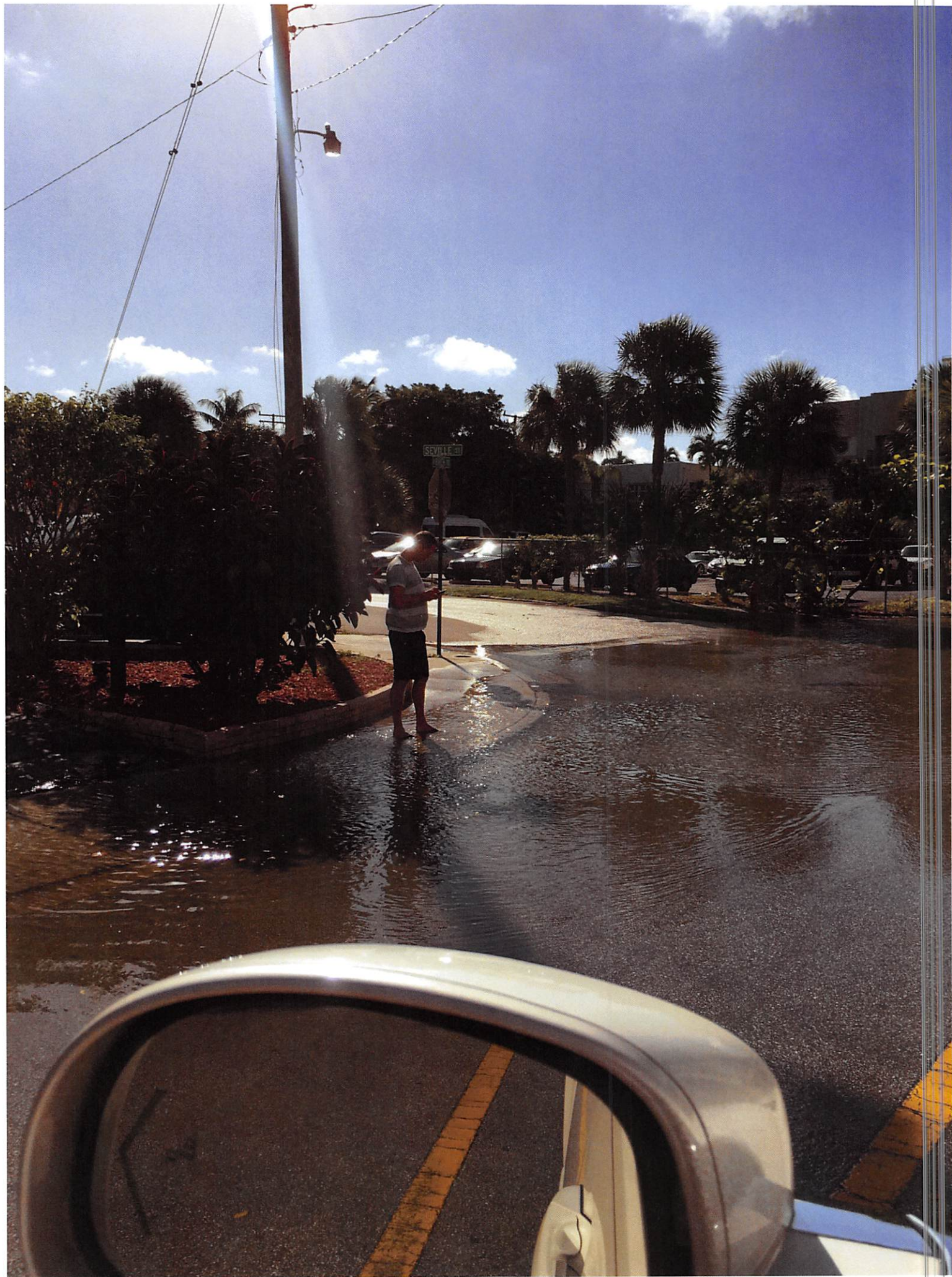














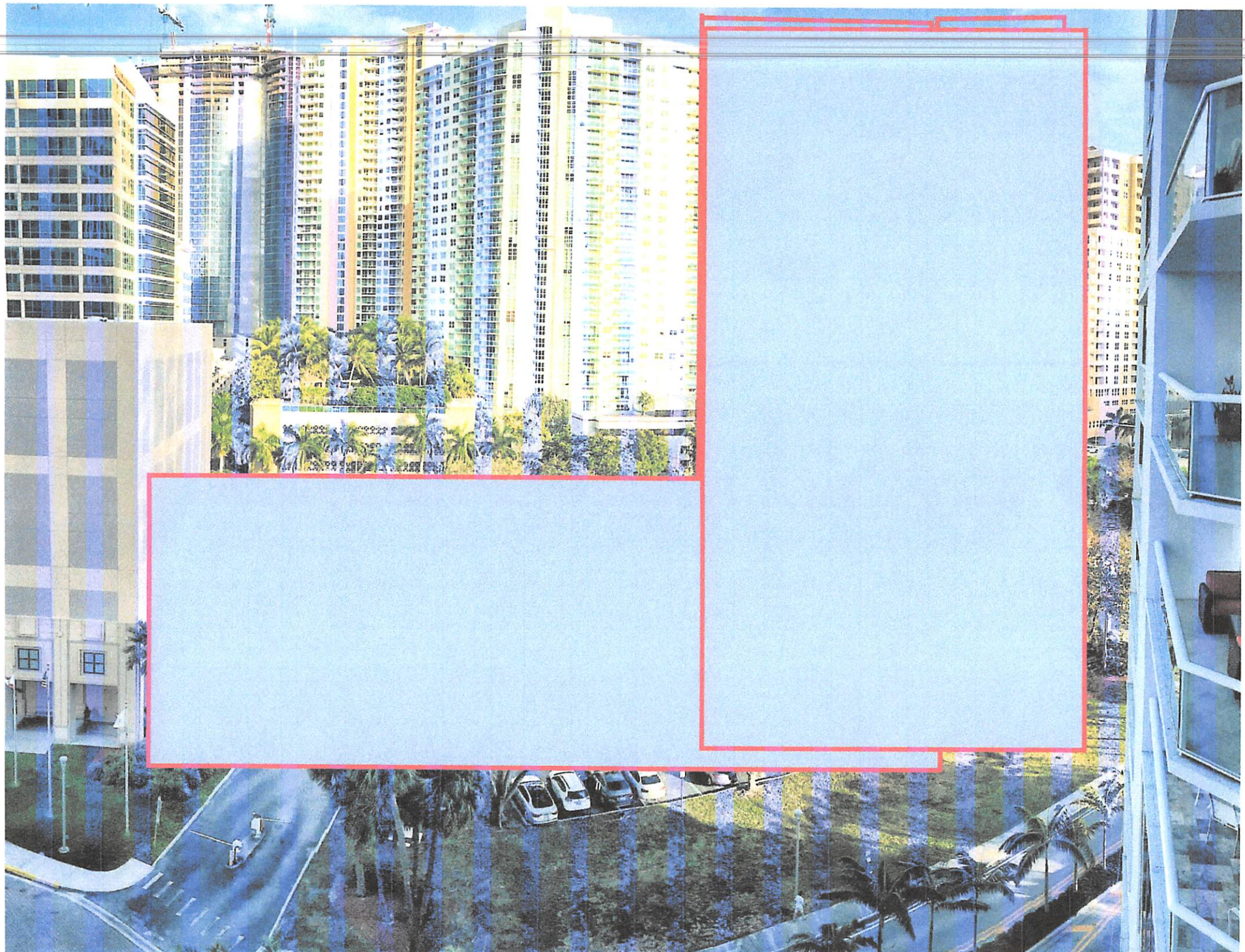




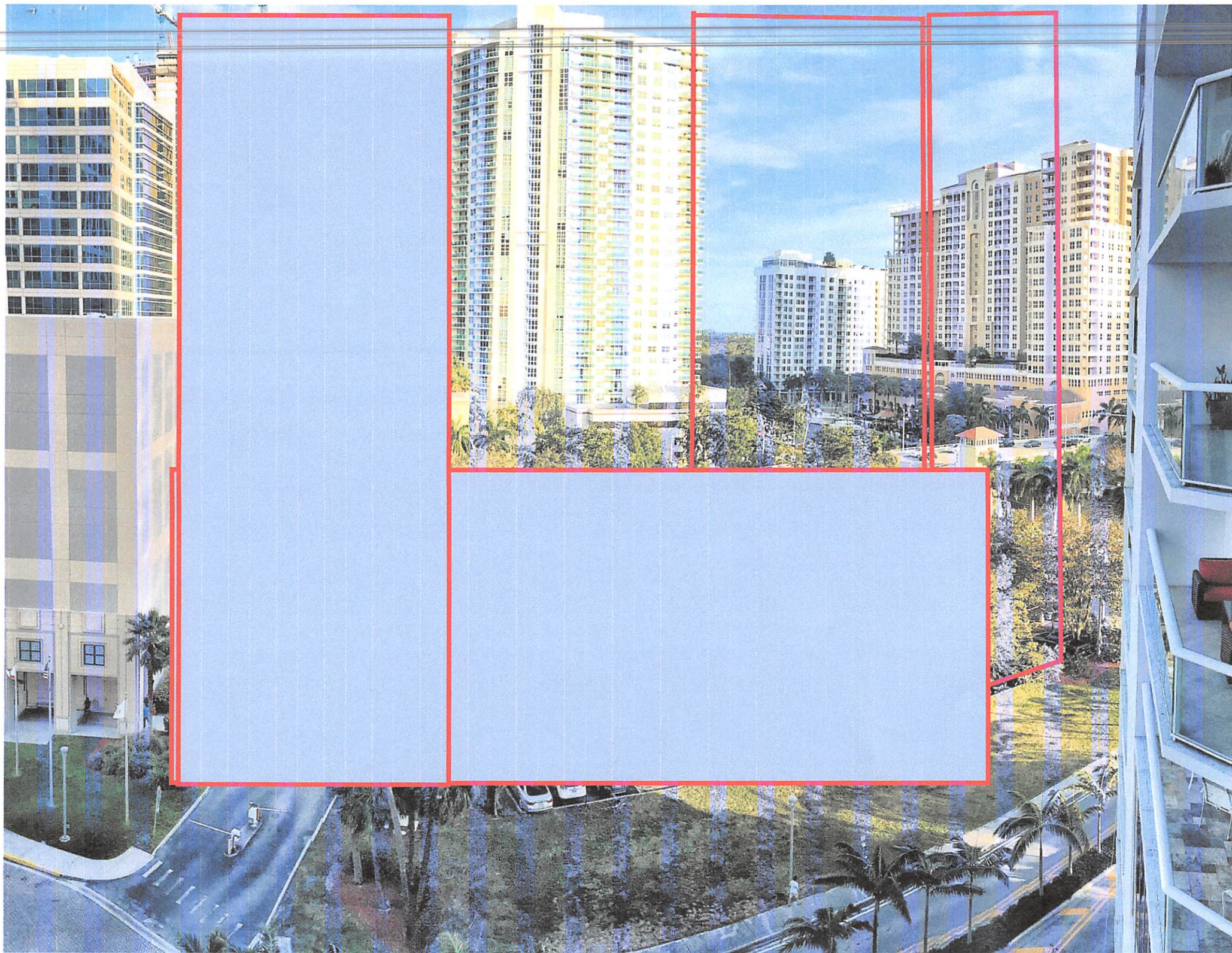
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Glassman

restoration, or reconstruction project.	
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#### Summary Conclusion

The requested shutters are not appropriate in the SBHD, as stated in the *City of Fort Lauderdale: Historic Preservation Guidelines*. The application should be denied.

#### Historic Preservation Board Action:

For each requested Certificate of Appropriateness, the board may:

1. Approve the application as presented; or
2. Approve the application with modification; or
3. Deny the application.

4.

<b>Case</b>	H16018	<b>FMSF#</b>	
<b>Review and Comment</b>	<b>Riverfront Redevelopment</b>		
<b>Owner</b>	LAS OLAS RIVERFRONT LP		
<b>Applicant</b>	Courtney Crush, Crush Law, P.A.		
<b>Developer</b>	Property Markets Group		
<b>Address</b>	330 Brickell Avenue		
<b>General Location</b>	Approximately 87 feet west of the southwest corner of SW 1 AVENUE AND SW 2 Street		
<b>Legal Description</b>	BRICKELL REDEVELOPMENT PLAT 147-27 B THAT PART OF PARCELS B & C & ADJ DED PARCELS & PT VAC BRICKELL AV DESC'D, COMM AT SE COR PAR A, WLY 104.64, NW 22.67, N 85.49, W 52 TO POB, W 52.95, W 23.86, NW 8.31, NLY 1.82, W 16.52, NW 21.19, W 14.01, NW 25.78, N 545.47, E 35, N 20, E 85.6, S 345, W 0.50, SLY 70, ELY 34.90, SLY 179.58 TO POB LESS POR DESC IN OR 38744/1512 & 39559/1551 AKA: PAR 2 IN OR 26157/107 ALONG WITH BRICKELL REDEVELOPMENT PLAT 147-27 B PART OF PARCEL C & E & PT VAC'D R/W DESC'D AS, COMM AT SW COR OF PAR C, N 109.52 TO POB, CONT NLY 435.48, ELY 27.75, SLY 50, ELY 27, NLY 50, ELY 45.00, SLY ALG LINE 17.5 W OF E/L OF PARCEL C FOR 545.47, NW 94.50, NLY 59.51, WLY 20 TO POB AKA: PARCEL 3 REVISED PER OR 26157 PG 103		
<b>Request(s)</b>	Review and Comment for Las Olas Riverfront		

#### Description of the Project:

The Board is asked to review and comment on a proposed development for the Las Olas Riverfront property at 300 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The developers have presented a plan for a hi-rise rental apartment complex of over 100,000 square feet, consisting of a 12 story base and two towers which rise to 461 feet for the north tower and 441 feet for the south tower. The base has apartments, described by the developer as "skinny" or "micro", which surround a parking garage. The towers have skinny and micro apartments as well as one bedroom lofts and two and four bedroom apartments.

The proposed project is across Brickell Avenue from the NR listed Bryan Building (Fig. 1, no. 1) and is adjacent to the locally designated H-1 Historic District.

The project is located in the Downtown core and there are other large buildings in the immediate vicinity, i.e. the sixteen story bank building and the proposed twenty five story 4 West Las Olas project. These two buildings unlike the proposed River front project are sufficiently distanced from the H-1 District so as to have no adverse effect on the contributing properties. The proposed 4 West Las Olas and the extant bank building act as mid-rise transitional buildings to the hi-rise development of the downtown core.

New construction in the H-1 District is limited to 25 feet in height; the tallest building in the district is probably the NR listed New River Inn at approximately 36 feet. The massive 41 story Riverfront project will create an immense wall effect effectively isolating the historic district from the downtown. A person standing on the front porch of the contributing Philemon Bryan Home would not be able to see the top of this project.

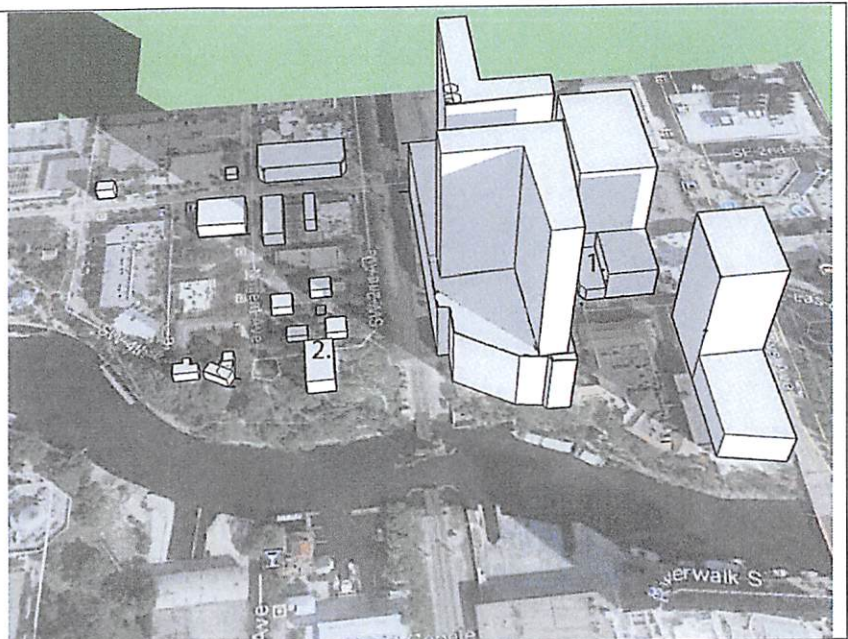








Figure 1. Showing National Register listed properties, no. 1 Bryan Building and no. 2 New River Inn; Proposed development and H-1 Historic District (small buildings left side of picture) showing contributing properties and The Shippey House and the Replica Schoolhouse.

Fig. 2. Some contributing properties in the H-1 Historic District

		
New River Inn & King-Cromartie House	Philemon Bryan House	Tom M. Bryan/Abreu Bldg.
		
New River Court/Capone's	O-B Breakfast House	Rok Bgr Restaurant

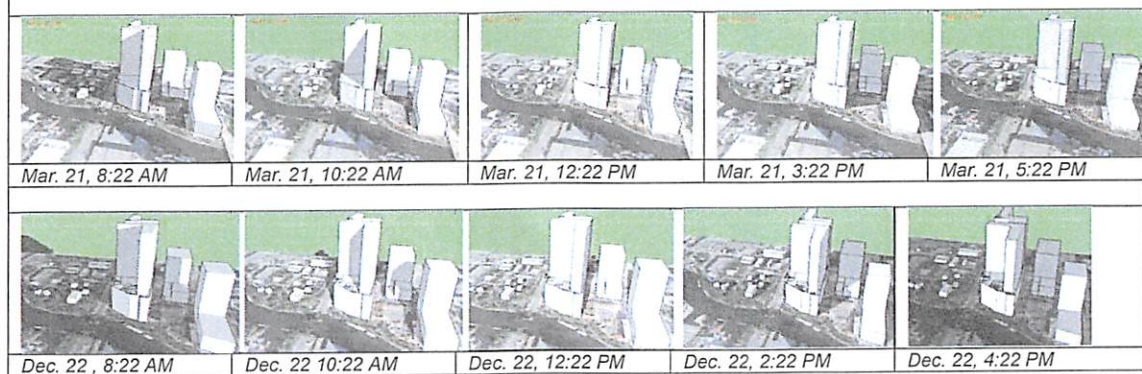




The H-1 District boundaries are outlined in yellow.

The Bryan Building on Brickell Avenue would have a serious shadow impact at various times of the year (see Fig. 3). The adjacent sixteen story bank building would be affected; its façade, the western elevation, could be completely in shadow at times.

Figure 3. Shadow effect on NR Listed Bryan Building



#### **Summary Conclusion:**

The mass and height of the proposed Riverfront project Overwhelms the adjacent H-1 Historic District<sup>5</sup>; it should be mentioned that the district is also part of the City's entertainment district and anything that impacts the Historic district will also impact this important commercial district. The developer did not address the effect that his project might have on the H-1 District. The NR listed Bryan Building and other locally designated properties on Brickell Avenue would be seriously impacted; the Riverfront project would leave these properties at the bottom of a man-made canyon.

<sup>5</sup> The developer, in his packet, incorrectly identifies the boundaries of H-1 Historic District.



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## Median Parking Structure Construction Costs 2016

City	Index	Cost/Space	Cost/SF
Atlanta	88.6	\$16,866	\$50.50
Baltimore	93.2	\$17,742	\$53.12
Boston	117.5	\$22,368	\$66.97
Charlotte	83.6	\$15,915	\$47.65
Chicago	117.8	\$22,425	\$67.14
Cleveland	99.3	\$18,903	\$56.59
Denver	92.3	\$17,571	\$52.60
Dallas	85.4	\$16,257	\$48.67
Detroit	102.6	\$19,532	\$58.47
Houston	87.1	\$16,581	\$49.64
Indianapolis	93.0	\$17,704	\$53.00
Kansas City, MO	102.2	\$19,455	\$58.25
Los Angeles	107.7	\$20,502	\$61.38
Miami	87.2	\$16,600	\$49.70
Minneapolis	109.1	\$20,769	\$62.18
Nashville	87.6	\$16,676	\$49.93
New York	131.1	\$24,957	\$74.72
Philadelphia	115.0	\$21,892	\$65.54
Phoenix	88.4	\$16,828	\$50.38
Pittsburgh	102.1	\$19,436	\$58.19
Portland, OR	100.3	\$19,094	\$57.16
Richmond	86.1	\$16,391	\$49.07
St. Louis	102.0	\$19,417	\$58.13
San Diego	105.1	\$20,007	\$59.90
San Francisco	122.5	\$23,320	\$69.82
Seattle	103.0	\$19,608	\$58.70
Washington D.C.	98.5	\$18,751	\$56.14
National Average	100	\$19,037	\$56.99

## MEDIAN CONSTRUCTION COST

I am often asked what features are included within the "median construction cost". A median cost parking structure typically includes such features as:

- 8' 6" to 8' 9" wide parking spaces
- Precast concrete superstructure
- Attractive precast concrete façade, but with basic reveal pattern
- Glass backed elevators and unenclosed stairs clad with glass curtain wall to the exterior
- Basic wayfinding and signage
- Shallow spread footing foundations
- All above grade construction
- Open parking structure with natural ventilation, without mechanical ventilation or fire sprinklers
- Little or no grade level commercial space
- Basic parking access and revenue control system
- Energy efficient fluorescent lighting

The construction cost of the parking structure will be higher than the median if it includes such enhanced features as:

- 8' 9" to 9' 0" wide parking spaces for better user comfort
- Cast-in-place post-tensioned concrete superstructure for lower maintenance
- Attractive façade with precast, brick, metal panels, and other materials
- Green Garage Certification following the Green Parking Council standards
- Energy efficient LED lighting with occupancy and photocell computer controls
- Custom wayfinding and signage system
- Storm water management including on-site retention/detention
- Deep foundations, such as caissons or pilings
- Below grade construction
- Enclosed stair towers due to local code requirements
- Enclosed parking structure without natural ventilation where mechanical ventilation and fire sprinklers are required
- Grade level commercial space
- Mixed use development where the parking is integrated with office, retail, residential, or other uses
- State-of-the-art parking access and revenue control system
  - License plate recognition
  - Parking guidance system
  - Count system with variable message LED signs
  - Pay-on-foot stations
- Wi-Fi and cellular services

## PARKING INDUSTRY CONSTRUCTION ECONOMIC FORECAST

The construction industry is enjoying good growth and "for the first time in recent memory, in 2015 the nonresidential construction sector actually exceeded expectations."<sup>2</sup> Construction of mixed use and stand-alone parking structures has also grown and this growth should continue in the near term as construction spending in the institutional sector (i.e. city governments, higher education, and healthcare) is predicted to grow almost 7% during 2016 and 2017 and growth in the commercial, office, and retail sectors are predicted to be even higher.

As the construction economy continues to grow, escalation of construction costs and longer construction schedules can be expected in many areas of the country due to labor shortages in construction trades and professional positions and as construction companies increase margins. It is predicted that construction inflation could be approximately double consumer inflation!<sup>1</sup> Predictions by industry experts point to increased levels of construction in all sectors for 2016 and 2017:

- The *American Institute of Architects* (AIA) chief economist Kermit Baker, PhD, stated "The momentum that the construction market has built up in 2015 will generate a healthy performance for the industry in 2016." While there has been fluctuation and regional differences in the AIA Architectural Billings Index (ABI), Baker further reports that "The average ABI score in 2015 was just a little lower than 51.5, suggesting another year of healthy growth in 2016 [construction]."<sup>2</sup>
- The AIA also compiles a Consensus Construction Forecast based on predictions of seven leading U.S. non-residential construction forecasters in the U.S. The Consensus Construction Forecast indicates the non-residential building construction industry is expecting continued growth. After an estimated 15% growth in nonresidential construction during 2015, the consensus panel projects about 8% growth for 2016 and 7% for 2017, with increases in activity projected for the office sector of 12.8% (2016) and 8.8% (2017), healthcare sector of 6.6% (2016) and 6.9% (2017), and education sector of 6.5% (2016) and 6.6% (2017).<sup>3</sup>
- Gilbane Building Company, in their *Market Conditions in Construction* report, reported more than a 15% increase in non-residential building construction in 2015 and they forecast a near repeat of last year's growth during 2016 of almost 14.0%! Gilbane also reports that labor and material costs will increase as fees, margins and demand expand such that construction cost escalation could increase 4% to 6% for 2016 and 2017.<sup>4</sup>
- Turner Construction's *Turner Building Cost Index* which tracks construction cost escalation rose 4.5% during 2015. Their 2015 Fourth Quarter Forecast states that "The high volume of work underway continues to put upward pressure on skilled labor...which has driven selective trade cost increases."<sup>5</sup>

Additionally, the Turner 2016 First Quarter Forecast indicates a 1.15% increase in costs for the quarter and that "The shortage of skilled labor is outweighing the impact of declining materials prices. As the volume of work remains relatively high, we expect subcontractors to continue to be strategic in pursuits, ultimately resulting in upward cost pressures."<sup>6</sup>

- The *Engineering News-Record* (ENR) recently reported their first quarter 2016 Construction Industry Confidence Index (CICI) decreased to 61 points on a scale of 100. The decline in the CICI represents concern about the uncertainties for the future despite the fact that the construction market continues to grow. The vast majority of the 239 executives of large construction and design firms responding to the survey believe that their markets are in a growth mode, but may flatten out in 2017.<sup>5</sup>

## SUMMARY

The sustained growth in architectural firm backlogs reported by the Architectural Billings Index (ABI) is a positive indicator for near term growth in the construction of parking structures. In absence of any major political or economic event, construction activity is forecasted to grow about 7% to 8% the next two years, including the institutional and commercial sectors that traditionally build parking structures.

With the improved construction activity, project costs are expected to escalate to a greater level than the projected increase in material and labor costs would indicate. Further, shortages of skilled construction workers could restrain market growth and raise costs. Because of these factors, Gilbane forecasts construction inflation will be approximately double that of consumer inflation and in the 4% to 6% range over the next two years.<sup>1</sup>

The parking professionals at Carl Walker will be happy to assist with budgeting of your next parking structure. If you have any questions or would like specific cost information for your area, contact Gary Cudney at [gcudney@carlwalker.com](mailto:gcudney@carlwalker.com) or 800-FYI-PARK (800-394-7275).

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## Parking Structure Cost Outlook for 2016

By Gary Cudney, P.E., President/CEO

**National Median  
Parking Structure  
Construction Cost 2016**  
\$19,037 per space  
\$56.99 per square foot

**Carl Walker** is pleased to provide its annual statistical analysis of parking structure construction costs and new parking structure market forecast. At **Carl Walker**, we specialize in parking structure design, structural engineering, parking studies, parking operations consulting, and restoration of parking structures, plazas, facades, and other buildings. We maintain a database of completed parking structure projects and have developed a methodology to analyze the historical cost information to assist our clients and the industry.

Our construction cost database contains hundreds of completed parking structure projects of varying size, scope, and geographic location. For this forecast, we only omit the cost of parking structures that are completely below grade, since the cost of such structures is much higher. The cost data is assigned factors based on the time of bidding and location of the parking structure. The time factor is based on the Building Cost Index (BCI), published by *Engineering News-Record (ENR)*. The location factor is taken from the yearly edition of the *RS Means Building Construction Cost Data*. Applying these two factors to actual

construction cost data adjusts the cost to a current national basis and from that we determine the national median. The national median can then be re-adjusted to reflect a median construction cost in almost every city in America.

As of March 2016, our statistical data indicates that the median construction cost for a new parking structure is **\$19,037 per space** and **\$56.99 per square foot**, increasing 2.4% from March 2015, when the median cost was \$18,599 per space based on our historical database. This relatively minor increase is reflective of the fact that while construction markets are growing, material price increases were very low due to foreign competition, low fuel prices, and labor rates were stable even as the market ramped up. The table below lists the 2016 median parking structure construction cost in various U.S. cities.

It should be noted that the construction cost data does not include costs for items such as land acquisition, architectural and engineering fees, environmental evaluations, materials testing, special inspections, geotechnical borings and recommendations, financing, owner administrative and legal, or other project soft costs. Soft costs are typically about 15% to 20% of construction costs, but can be higher for owners who allocate their internal costs directly to the project.

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