

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Monday, October 12, 2015

12:00 PM

Joint Workshop with Beach 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
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Vice-Mayor McKinzie.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett

Also Present: Beach Redevelopment Board

Chair: Anthony Abbate

Vice Chair: Ina Lee

Members: Christian R. Luz
Marvin Andrew Mitchell, Jr.
Tim Schiavone
Shirley G. Smith
Aiton Yaari

EDSA Jeff Sutor, *Associate Principal*
Paul Kissinger, *FASLA Principle*

STAFF Don Morris-Economic Business Development Manager,
Sustainable Development
Tom Green-Sr. Project Manager, Sustainable Development

No public comments were submitted by email for this meeting.

PRESENTATION-BEACH CRA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

PRES 15-306 Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and State Road A1A Beach Streetscape

Jeff Sutor, Associate Principal EDSA, gave a presentation regarding the Las Olas Boulevard Corridor and SR A1A Streetscape Improvements.

Mayor Seiler arrived at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Ina Lee asked about a potential police substation, traffic flow, signage and lighting and also commended Don Morris, Economic Business Development Manager, on his involvement. Ina Lee also brought up the issue of a funding shortage in regards to the future advancement of this project north of the CRA area.

A.J Yaari asked if the budget included parking bonds and added that there should be a plan for business owners during construction. He impressed upon the commission that they need to concentrate on the point of the project to completion.

Andy Mitchell expressed concern with the traffic flow that will occur as a result of the project.

Christian Luz expressed concern on narrowing the roadways and pedestrian safety.

Tim Schiavone commented that he hoped this project would be an improvement that would last a long time. Mr. Schiavone also expressed concern repairing the safety factor for pedestrians and traffic.

Shirley Smith liked the idea of the new marina on Las Olas Circle and the garage on the north side of the bridge.

Anthony Abatte commended the design team. He advised everyone to get behind this project and also expressed the importance of making pedestrians and bicycles a priority.

Jack Newton was opposed to giving the Las Olas Marina to the developers.

Jim Ellis asked if there was enough attention being given to the additional traffic that will result because of this project. He also inquired if there had been discussion for potential retail opportunities on the ground floor of the proposed parking lot.

Vicki Mowrey expressed concern in regards to safety for pedestrians on the beach. She also inquired about the cost of maintaining this project for years to come and if there were plans on moving the trees on Las Olas or changing the type of tree due to the fruit produced falling from the trees and possibly onto pedestrians.

John Weaver gave his opinion on traffic control and parking.

Dev Motwani supported the project and urged the consultants not to “value engineer” certain items as the project moves to completion.

Commissioner McKinzie wanted the project to move forward and wanted consideration given for service vehicles.

Commissioner Roberts was pleased with the progress of the project and felt that parking needed to be better coordinated. Commissioner Roberts also made reference to the Pompano Beach lighting system. The Mayor asked the EDSA team for further information on the Pompano Beach lighting.

Paul Kissinger, EDSA, explained that the Pompano Beach lighting system is amber lighting that meets the Fish and Wildlife Code requirement.

Commissioner Trantalis likes the idea of transforming the parking lot into an activity area and creating more green space. He suggested more thought be given to promoting travel by the proposed tram along with a dedicated travel lane. Commissioner Trantalis disagreed with EDSA and did not think that the beach has travel capacity for years to come on Las Olas Blvd. He suggested that capacity to travel on these streets in a comfortable way has already been maxed out. The City Manager addressed potential ideas for the tram and traffic issues.

Paul Kissinger, FALSA Principle, EDSA, addressed concerns of the commissioners in regards to the Tram and elaborated on future plans of the project.

The Mayor was enthusiastic about the new plan and was anxious for it to get started.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.