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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Wednesday

June 27, 2018

*City Commission Chambers
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301*

Las Olas Corridor Mobility

WORKSHOP

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

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ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen and Commissioner Steven Glassman

No public comments were submitted by email regarding this meeting.

Call to Order: Vice Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Vice Mayor Sorensen introduced Diana Alarcon, Transportation and Mobility Director, and thanked those in attendance for participating in the Corridor Workshop. Commissioner Glassman also thanked those in attendance and noted the need to coordinate a continuum along the corridor and move forward.

Diana Alarcon, introduced Robert Modys, Planner, Transportation and Mobility Department. Mr. Modys presented the Las Olas corridor background.

A copy of Mr. Mody's presentation is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Glassman thanked staff for providing a comprehensive view to enable a discussion. Vice Mayor Sorensen opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Dan Lindblade, President and CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce commented on workshop process moving forward. Diana Alarcon discussed the various methods of advertising for the public meeting and thanked those in attendance. Vice Mayor Sorensen commented that the format moving forward would be open and inclusive for input. Commissioner Glassman noted that the input process could be refined moving forward.

Mary Fertig, Las Olas Isles, commented on life/safety concerns related to various plans.

Mike Weymouth, resident and President of Las Olas Company, discussed ramifications resulting from eliminating the medians. In response to Mr. Weymouth's questions regarding previous discussions concerning the corridor, Diana Alarcon confirmed the discussion would take place at the July 10, 2018 City Commission Conference Meeting. Ms. Alarcon also noted the collaborative effort and process used with a previous working group and community involvement.

Heiko Dobrikow, General Manager of The Riverside Hotel, discussed safety and its importance on the corridor.

Ina Lee, President of Travelhost, noted the need for walkability and maintaining Las Olas as a tourist destination.

Paul Kissinger, resident and Principal for EDSA, commented on shifting the paradigm from cars to walking and the impact on connectivity and need for a connectivity plan.

April Kirk, resident and Executive Director of The Historic Stranahan House, discussed several

items she deemed important to Las Olas. In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question about current projects on the corridor, Diana Alarcon noted timing of projects and implications with ADA improvements. Ms. Alarcon confirmed completing ADA projects and continuing with the holistic plans resulting from discussions.

Greg West, resident and developer of Las Olas Walk and Chair of Urban Land Institute's Southeast Council, noted the importance of safety for those who get out of cars along the corridor.

Suzee Bailey, resident and VP of Nurmi Isles Homeowner Association (HOA), commented on impact of safety in conjunction with making Las Olas beautiful.

Bob Moorman, Carol's Jewelers, noted the importance of one-way streets and getting trucks off the street

Tricia Halliday, Nurmi Isles, discussed traffic and construction and the impact of narrowing the streets.

Stan Eichelbaum, Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association, noted the need for lighting and a downtown traffic study expert.

Jacquelyn Scott, Colee Hammock, commented on past studies and those involved in the process should include an expert.

Peter Partington, resident and former City Engineer, presented a portion the 2013 Mobility Study by Tindell Oliver and suggested it be moved forward.

A copy of Mr. Partington's presentation is attached to these minutes.

Carolann Bartholomey, resident, commented regarding bike lanes and the importance of a road design architect.

John Roth, Four Seasons Condominium, noted sea level rise and the impact on the corridor.

Charlie Ladd, developer and former Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board Member, noted the difficulty meeting the needs within a narrow corridor and importance of working together "to do it right".

Steve Tilbrook, Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee Chair and First Presbyterian Church, encouraged the City to move forward as soon as possible to get as much done as possible and make choices and implement them.

Elizabeth Van Zandt, Executive Vice President of the DDA, discussed timing, getting to the finish line and the DDA interest.

Doug Coolman, Broward Workshop and Co-Chair of the Urban Core, noted his concern with the downtown and interest in being part of the solution.

Brian Gaines, resident of Seven Isles, noted health, safety and traffic as the most important aspects of the corridor.

Boyd Corbin, Wilton Manors, commented on traffic and lane closure.

In response to Vice Mayor Sorensen's question, Alain Boileau, Interim City Attorney commented on working group sunshine requirements. Commissioner Glassman commented on the positive aspects of the meetings and to mirror the 17th Street Mobility Working Group moving forward.

Vice Mayor Sorensen discussed the process of a road design RFP. Commissioner Glassman confirmed a Workshop consensus to obtain professional guidance to include an engineer.

Vice Mayor Sorensen noted many input aspects this working group would seek as follows:

HOAs

Business Owners

Property Owners

Universities

The Museum

Churches

Bicyclists

Tourism

Public Transportation

Landscape Professional

Urban Design

Marine Industry

Michael Weymouth addressed a question regarding tenant vacancies and noted Las Olas Company has a method filling vacancies. Mr. Weymouth asked about road ownership and Vice Mayor Sorensen responded that road ownership is all the City, putting us in a better position than in the past to control the process.

Stanley Eichelbaum added comments.

Mary Fertig noted the impact of "complete streets" and the need for an overarching plan to be done quickly.

Diana Alarcon noted how many surveys were received by staff in response to a question asked and she noted the process to acquire input. Ms. Alarcon confirmed the report would be made part of the July 10, 2018 agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Modarelli
City Clerk