

CENTRAL BEACH ALLIANCE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Venetian Condominium

Board Members Present: Bill Brown, Jim Novick, Bob Golden, John Burns, Paula Yukna, Deborah Rosenbaum

Invited Guests: Commissioner Steve Glassman, Deputy City Manager Rob Hernandez, J.W. Arnold, Don Morris, Thomas Green, Ben Rogers, Karen Warfel, Kyle Stevens

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Brown convened the meeting at 6:12 PM by introducing the CBA Board.

Announced that Bob Golden has been appointed to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB)

Announced that Deborah Rosenbaum has been appointed to the Parks, Recreation & Beaches Advisory Board.

UPDATES FROM OUR COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Glassman updated members on activities and issues within the City and District 2. He announced that scooters have been banned from the beach, Las Olas dining area & Riverwalk. Only three scooter vendors will be able to contract with the City and will be limited to 500 scooters per vendor.

There is continuing discussion regarding an extension of the Infrastructure Task Force. It is proposed to increase the number of members to eleven from nine members. He also believes that this task force will consider the impact of any moratorium.

UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Rob Hernandez, Deputy City Manager outlined the plans for a \$500M water plant, which could take five years to construct.

Raj Verma, Public Works Director, described efforts to fix sewer pipes. The new pipe and the revitalized pipe along Bayview should have taken 3-5 years to complete but the City is planning to complete in 14-18 months. There are \$620M worth of projects in the pipeline and under construction. Broward County is monitoring the quality of the waterways once a month. The City Commissioners are asking for more frequent testing.

UPDATES FROM TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Ben Rogers, Director of Transportation and Mobility, gave updates. The Sea Breeze Tram (from the Las Olas Parking Garage to the Beach) will be suspended during spring break. The parking garage is operating below estimates.

Mr. Rogers discussed the transition of aspects of the Transportation & Mobility Department to the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization through an Interlocal Agreement. He introduced Mark Brown from the MPO who will be dedicated to District 2 as a resource for planning transportation projects.

A master transportation plan will be detailed at a later date. Through the one cent transportation surtax that was approved by voters, the City has submitted over 100 projects. In year one, six projects have been selected. Starting in May 2020, \$6-7M in funds should start flowing to the City if approved by the County on April 2, 2020.

Mark Brown moved to the rear of the room to solicit and accept comments for an 8-10 week long safety & traffic study of Seabreeze & Poinsetta.

UPDATES FROM THE CRA

Thomas Green and Don Brown give updates from the CRA.

Projects in the CRA are either winding up or getting started: Parking Garage, LOOP, Aquatic Center, DC Alexander Park, A1A sidewalks.

Additional work is underway on the roof of the structure in the LOOP (Las Olas Oceanside Park).

The water feature in the LOOP should be operational in 2-4 weeks.

\$1.565M will be spent on improving pedestrian lighting along A1A from Bokampers to Sunrise.

There are concerns regarding shading and lighting in the LOOP.

The design of DC Alexander Park is moving forward. DRC comments were received in January and design is advancing to 60%.

STORM WATER RATE PROPOSAL

Kyle Stevens presented the Storm Water Rate Proposal. He asked if the CBA would support the storm water bill to be added to ad-valorem on the tax bill.

PRIDE OF THE AMERICAS PARADE AND FESTIVAL

J.W. Arnold presented the plans for the Pride of Americas Parade and Festival on April 25-26.

President Brown thanked the Venetian Condominium for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.