



Central Beach Alliance

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Central Beach Alliance  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 18, 2019  
The Westin Hotel

Call to Order: 6:17 p.m.

Roll Call: Deborah Rosenbaum, Monty Lalwani, James Novick, Bill Brown, John Burns  
Absent: Bob Golden

Deborah Rosenbaum thanked Laurie Johnson, General Manager of The Westin Hotel and staff for graciously hosting the evening. Debbie also introduced Board members. She then introduced Commissioner Steve Glassman.

Steve gave an informative update on beach projects and traffic patterns. In his handout there is a map showing changes due to the closure of Las Olas. There will be no left turn on Birch Road from Las Olas Boulevard. All reports were positive following the Tortuga Music Festival. Steve is hoping the City will restructure a new event fee. The current structure is outdated compared to other cities such as Miami for example who earns one million dollars for Ultra. Currently, Fort Lauderdale receives only a \$400 event fee. The contract with Tortuga has two more years remaining.

Q&A followed:

- Q. Give more details on traffic signals etc.
- A. Tom Green will speak to that later.

Deborah introduced Stephanie Toothaker and Summit Properties representing the Marriott Residence Inn project. This is the third time the project has been brought before the CBA. They have also met with the Venetian Condo, which is directly impacted by this project. It is located in the South Marina Beach Hotel Area District (“SMBHA”) and meets or exceeds the required zoning. Changes to the sidewalk is now 10 feet wide and the entry and exit has been enlarged to accommodate delivery trucks that will be able to turn around on property. A public plaza on the south is 25 feet wide and on the west ranges from 30 feet to 10 feet.

Q&A followed:

- Q. Loading zone?
- A. Trucks will be able to enter off Seabreeze and turn around and exit going forward onto Seabreeze.

- Q. What is the setback on Seabreeze?  
 A. 20 feet
- Q. Where is the generator exhaust?  
 A. On roof
- Q. Will lights from garage be visible from the exterior?  
 A. The garage is completely screened and lights will not be visible.
- Q. Have you asked 7-11 to extend the plaza in the back of their property to the west?  
 A. Have not, but could look into it.
- Q. Where will the 79 current parking spots be relocated during construction?  
 A. We will use the current on-site Courtyard parking, which will be better utilized.
- Q. Any additional dockage?  
 A. None
- Q. Are there any public amenities in the hotel?  
 A. No, only for hotel guests.
- Q. Will valet parking be available to public?  
 A. No, only hotel guests.
- Q. What is current trip count left in the queue?  
 A. There are approximately 56 left after this project.
- Q. When will deliveries be made and will you allow street parking for deliveries?  
 A. Deliveries will be staggered and no street parking allowed.
- Q. What will be the pedestrian access from this hotel to beach or Courtyard?  
 A. Walk to 5<sup>th</sup> street and cross Seabreeze

A vote was brought to the floor.

Yay individuals – 11  
 Yay condos – 5 + 50  
 Yay Total = 61

Nay individuals – 79  
 Nay condos – 2 = 20  
 Nay Total = 99  
 Project failed.

Deborah introduced Dan Matheson from the AC Marriott who gave an update on the hotel which is currently under construction located next to the Casablanca.

Q&A followed:

- Q. Construction completion?  
 A. October 2020
- Q. How many stories?  
 A. 10
- Q. Where to go if community has construction site issues?  
 A. On site manager. Deborah will get and send that contact info to the CBA membership.

Next introduction was Tom Green, CRA and representatives from Hensel Phelps. They gave an update on the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex. \$27 million have been committed to renovation

of the complex. Renovation will include resurfacing the east training pool. The Competition pool and Dive Well will be completely renovated from extracting the current pool and dive well and rebuilding a new innovated competition pool. The Dive well will be relocated slightly to the west to allow for the bulkheads. New Grandstands will be built together with a new teaching pool. They are going to remove the median to allow trucks to enter more easily from 5<sup>th</sup> street. They are establishing an outreach website.

Q&A follows:

Q. Possibility of a 27-meter dive tower to allow for cliff diving competition?

A. This is not part of the current scope of work, however, the concept is being considered.

Q. Is the south building being renovated?

A. East, west, and south buildings are not part of the current scope of work. They will remain the same.

Q. Will materials be able to be removed by barge?

A. Will investigate.

Q. Height of grandstands?

A. Same as current and they will not be movable.

Tom Green then introduced his CRA co-worker whose nickname is Chichi. The boundaries for the A1A project are from 5<sup>th</sup> street North to Alhambra. Beyond to the north work will have to be in conjunction with FDOT. The trees on the sidewalks will be aligned and decorative concrete will replace the pavers. On the west side a 6-inch decorative “band” will mark the boundary for tables from restaurants etc. Trees will be located closer to the curb. Steel bollards will be installed for pedestrian protection. New lights will be installed on the west sidewalk and new street lamps will be done on the east. Decorative concrete will not be put in on the west sidewalk, they are hoping the businesses will join together and do this.

Q&A followed:

Q. What will be put around the new trees?

A. Concrete that is a prefab product and will be level with the sidewalk.

Q. Work on Wave Wall?

A. Not in the scope and CRA dollars cannot be used for this.

Q. Could trees being removed possibly be replanted east side of Wave wall?

A. They can be used wherever.

Q. Turtle friendly lights?

A. The 8 months of turtle season is regulated by Federal and State laws. The new lights will be like the lights north of Sunrise but will have a dual fixture, amber and bright white.

Q. FPL has lights that are off?

A. FDOT says dark to light segments are more hazardous than constant low-level light.

Q. Time frame for this project?

A. Construction will start in the late 3<sup>rd</sup> or early 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019.

Q. Will there be lane closures?

A. One lane will be closed for each side of the sidewalk work.

Suggestion made to have a scooter, and bike and rollerblade walkway to the east of the Wave wall.

Q. Height of bollards?

A. Similar to ones installed on Las Olas.

Q. How will businesses be protected from dirt etc. during construction?

A. All businesses will remain open and solutions to this issue are being discussed.

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm.