

Minutes of the Central Beach Alliance Board Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2012 – Las Olas Beach Club

Attending: John Weaver, Fred Carlson, Karen Turner, Cindy Gaillette, (?board member), Abby Laughlin, Don Hall, Heidi Davis, John, Smara (sp?) architect (?)

Absent: Monti Lawani

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM

Birch Street Empty Lot presentation:

The Developer of the 315-325 Birch Street lot presented a new version of architectural renderings to the board. The new version is not Mediterranean in style but more “modern”. The new version has “waterway views through the building”. The developer stated that this version was 11 stories high, would contain 21-24 units and he would market them at \$600-\$800 a square foot. The developer stated that he had already met with the Board at Birch House (is this the correct name?) and Birch Crest to present his plans. He felt that four members of the Birch Hall Board seemed OK with the project. They liked that it was 60 feet from Birch House. He stated that Birch Crest has no west views. He felt Birch Crest was very reasonable with him. The architect presented several renderings, including 3 d views and front elevations. Discussion was started by the Board about possible alterations, including angling the building. The developer said he would not pursue a level 4 variance, unless there was initial support for it from local residents. The board thanked Mr. Smara for his presentation.

May 7th CRA Meeting:

John felt this meeting was very important and we should try and get CBA members to attend. He will send out an Email blast. He said the CBA needs opinions about all the CRA projects that are in progress and scheduled to begin. There was also discussion about the homeless woman who has been residing next to the Covenant House. The Beach Cop, Officer Diaz will be contacted.

Recording Secretary Position:

This position is still open.

Website Update:

In progress

Committee Updates:

Noise: People are encouraged to attend the May 23 hearing of the Board of Adjustments. They are holding the Hearing on the “W”s site plan modification issue. The Noise committee will meet after that hearing.

Parking: On Hold

Indy Car: On Hold, some basic information gathered.

Marine Dredging – information should be gathered before May 31st Membership meeting. The Marine Dredging Committee will be invited to present at the May 31st Membership meeting. Fred stated that he had secured meeting space at the “B” Hotel for the May meeting.

Public relations: On hold, a summer project

Bylaws: John suggested scheduling a separate meeting, dedicated to talking about bylaw changes.

May 31st meeting: Discussion was held about the upcoming Beach Update at the May 31st meeting. CBA needs to decide if they want to take a position on the Ron Jon’s project.

There was discussion as to the recent news that the owner of Coconuts has purchased “Foxy’s Den”, a restaurant on North Andrews Ave.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Karen and seconded by John.