

Central Beach Alliance Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 3, 2015 – Bahia Mar

Call to order 7:00PM

Present: John Weaver, Karen Turner, Fred Carlson, Monty Lawani, Abby Laughlin, Steve Milkewicz

Beach Update: John Weaver discussed the recent Historic Preservation meeting regarding Alhambra. Expressed our concerns about demolition without notice.

John showed a slide show of dramatic lighting differences on the beach during and after the Memorial day holiday. Police had lit up Beach Place with flood lights, in TURTLE SEASON to deter crime. The next day it was dark again. The slides were an accurate pictorial description of the dramatic impact of poor illumination. Vote proposed for better lighting on the beach.

Vote: 161-0 - for better lighting.

Bahia Mar presentation: Innovative Development project. (ID zoning) A privately controlled project being transformed with a recognizable benefit. Looking to upgrade the boat show to “special and best in class”. Will be a self contained project, with transportation hubs off of Seabreeze. Will help to relieve congestion on Seabreeze during Boat Show. Boat show will no longer have tents, will now have 200,000 square feet of air conditioned space. 16 foot venues. Lushly landscaped. Ride your bike, bring your dog. 2300 parking spaces – 500 for public, 1500 private. Project concept consists of two 39 story buildings, a rehabilitated Bahia Mar hotel, five story, mixed use, yacht brokerage, residential and exhibit space. 44 residential units on A1A facing ocean, small fishing village with open air, interactive retail space. Four restaurants. Fresh Market grocer, car service, water taxi, shuttle bus stops.

Vote to approve the concept subject to additional off site enhancements that improve the quality of life for beach resident’s area.

Vote: 184-1 - to approve the project, with off site improvements

AC Marriott presented their new concept for their Alhambra Street project. Vintro was too tight on tight lot. This project incorporates three building lots. 10 stories high, 175 hotel rooms and 117 park spots. Expects to have 20 employees. Shared delivery space with Casablanca in discussion. No restaurant, lobby bar and minimal

food service. No meeting rooms. AC Marriott is new high-end brand for the Marriott.

Vote to approve the project height of 10 stories subject to architectural enhancements to the façade.

Vote 93 to 60 to approve the project.

Adjourned at 9:50PM