



Central Beach Alliance

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CBA BOARD MEETING March 28, 2019 Minutes Pelican Beach Resort Hotel

AGENDA

Call to Order: 6:16 p.m.

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

Invited Guests: Commissioner Steve Glassman, District 2; Anthony Fajardo and Jim Hetzel, Department of Sustainability/Urban Design and Planning; Joe Kenney and Paul Berg, Public Works, Ben Rogers, Transportation and Mobility (TAM), Tom Green, Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Deniece Williams, Garth Solutions and Vincent Collins, III, Skanska, Las Olas Oceanside Park update; Edison Loanza and Jessica Graves, NSU Museum

Deborah graciously thanked the Heidi Dennis, Staff of Pelican Beach Resort Hotel for hosting the meeting. The next membership meeting will be April 18, 2019 at the Westin.

Commissioner Steve Glassman gave an brief update and hand out about what has been accomplished to date. The Parks bond passed and that will allow for some of the improvements at War Memorial Park and Auditorium. The Florida Panthers have decided to be a major contributor to renovate the facility and bring a First Class training facility for the Panthers as well as youth hockey. David Beckham's group has been selected to rebuild Lockhart Stadium and surrounding grounds. Public use of the soccer fields etc. will be available and used by local high schools. Our share of the one cent sales tax increase in Broward County should give the City some help with traffic congestion.

Questions and answers followed.

Q. Why are the decorative lights not on at the Las Olas parking garage?

A. Tom Green will answer that when he presents.

Q. At Bayshore, Antioch and Rio Mar what is the current situation with lane reduction and the sidewalks?

A. Staff who will be presenting later will answer.

Q. Scooters on the Barrier Island?

A. They are banned until April 8, 2019. The State is refining the bills regarding use of scooters and the City will wait until the session is over to discuss.

Q. Lack of lighting on A1A.

A. At the next afternoon session of City Commission, they will be discussing lighting with FPL.

Q. Are dog parks included in the plans from Parks bond?

A. Currently working on all ideas for dog parks. Some areas of the City, such as Poinsettia Heights and South Middle River have no parks of any kind.

Q. Dates for turtle lights?

A. City has no part in that regulation.

Q. Who do we pay for lights?

A. FPL and City commission will discuss that also.

Jim Hetzel from Urban Design and Planning gave an overview of the UDDAC Committee's recommendations to amend the ID Ordinance within Section 47-37A of the ULDR. Recommendations are as follows:

- a. Name change from Innovative Development (ID) District to Planned Development District (PDD). The committee felt that the word "planned" was less subjective than "innovative" and is more commonly used by other cities with these types of regulations;
- b. Requirement of pre and post Public participation from development when going before the DRC;
- c. Limitations on residential density of maximum fifty dwelling units per acre and non-residential intensity of three times the parcel size or floor area ratio (FAR) of three;
- d. Building height maybe increased by additional amount equivalent to 125% percent of the existing height identified in the underlying zoning district but not to exceed 300 feet;
- e. Recognized public improvements to be expanded to include off-site infrastructure improvements and other improvements proposed by the applicant;
- f. Inclusion of the City's Unified Flex Map for PDD applications requesting flex units, requiring that proposed PDD site must be located within the boundaries of the Unified Flex Map; and
- g. Requirement for an affirmative super majority vote by the Planning and Zoning Board be removed but remains for the City Commission;

Board input on item (e) was to increase the off-site public improvements to a distance of .5 miles not to exceed one (1) mile from the development and (g): the need to require not only super majority of the City Commission but also require super majority of PZB. Second reading will be at the May 7 Commission meeting.

Questions and answers followed.

Q. Explain the 125%

A. Anthony Fajardo from City -- Required to have a direct correlation to a give back to public. Never to exceed 300 feet in height.

Q. 300 feet is too much.

A. These changes are for the entire city, not just the beach.

Q. Why is US1 and Broward so built up and so close to sidewalks?

A. Follows downtown building codes.

Q. Adagio at Bayshore and Birch

A. Anthony Farjardo—approved by code and passed by Commission. The Commission is looking at some changes at the beach.

Q. What are we getting from this change?

A. ID is going to allow for flexibility and creates solutions to some buildings

Q. Public improvements?

A. Open space and green sustainable improvements.

Q. Does this new ID make it easier for Commission to deny a project?

A. Anthony—it hasn't been tested yet. Requiring a super majority is a higher regulation.

Q. What is community?

A. Improvements in a ¼ mile area from project.

Bill Brown then asked for a show of hands from membership regarding the two changes suggested by the CBA Board.

For- the P&Z super majority

Against-None

For/Against—Community improvements up to one mile from project—this show of hands needed more information

Q. Adagio project, as example, what influence does the CBA have. Questioner did not think there was any influence.

Q. What has CBA done to stop the Bayshore Hotel?

A. Deborah---sent letter to P&Z with results of the CBA vote. Suggested that members who wish should see the commissioners and go to the Commission meeting.

Q. What is the criteria at P&Z, what about infrastructure problems, and what % in the determination does the CBA vote play?

A. P&Z vote is final and based on following current code. Commission can call any project. There must be public notice and participation and the applicant must give a summary of meetings with the public and votes taken.

Joe Kenney and Paul Berg, Public Works gave a presentation. \$300 million for a 5-year capital improvement is planned. Water and sewer will be \$200 million every 5 years. Public Works is in charge of maintenance and repair of all vehicles, solid waste disposal, seawalls and storm water.

Q. Would you ever “pump the brakes” on development?

A. Joe—Only been with City for 9 months and have upgrades schedule for Breakers. Tidal valves on Bayshore Drive have been installed. Barrier Island work which include D-40 which had little capacity has been completed. D-41 has been reconstructed and D-31 has sufficient capacity. However, this will continue to be upgraded with the Marina expansion. Capacities have been fulfilled on the Barrier Island.

Q. What is going on the corner of Bayshore, Antioch and Riomar+

A. This Pocket park is moving forward which will bring green space, trees and enhanced landscaping.

Q. Level of confidence on infrastructure and flooding?

A. The City has models that must be met for all projects. The Bayshore Hotel project must upsize pipes to the D-31. Run times and pump stations are all meeting required levels.

Q. Breakers Avenue fire hydrants and water supply?

A. Joe—more hydrants have been asked for and looping.

Paul—cleaning is ongoing and for the first time and Fort Lauderdale won the award for the best tasting water in Broward/Palm Beach.

Ben Rogers (TAM) and Tom Green spoke about the CRA Improvements and challenges. Ben said traffic is being looked at in a unified approach with City, County State and current building projects. Some MOT's are being held off on Birch. Lights on the Las Olas garage are still being tested. Approximately six (6) weeks to complete.

Tom Green addressed the Las Olas closure will now be April 8, 2019 for approximately four (4) months. No date yet for closure of Las Olas Circle and a detour route for that is not yet determined.

Q. Where will pedestrians walk?

A. North (new) sidewalk on Las Olas

Q. Why is Las Olas Circle closing again?

A. Tom—utility work on the north and south and water main work.

Ben—searching solutions for detour is challenging, especially in conjunction with the Las Olas bridge.

Q. Where/when are construction trailers moving and where is the Boat Show staging going to be done?

A. Tom—contractor trailers are going north of the garage, and currently in progress.

Ben—Meeting with the Boat Show ongoing to discuss staging area.

Q. During these closures, will we have use of police personnel and maybe additional traffic signals etc.?

A. Ben—manpower is a problem and City is trying to use technology to replace manpower as can be done. City recently hired a Traffic Engineer.

Q. Why these closures before Tortuga and the Air Show?

A. Tom—there is never a perfect time and a financial burden would be incurred if the City prolongs the project with Skansa.

Q. Why is the new north sidewalk so filthy? It was recently power washed and still not clean.

A. Tom—the sidewalk has not been sealed yet because the product to be used was not yet approved. It will be thoroughly cleaned before sealant applied.

Edison Lozada and Jessica Graves gave an overview of the NSU Museum of Art. They encouraged everyone to go to their website and come and enjoy the monthly free events offered to City of Fort Lauderdale residents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03.

Minutes recorded by Vicki Mowrey